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Community took the civic elections very seriously, and a good turnout of ratepayers polled their vote. A full story of this, and other activities in that district is carried in a story on page 11 of this issue.

# The Vernon News

FIFTY-FOUR YEARS' CONTINUOUS SERVICE TO THE OKANAGAN VALLEY

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THE WEATHERMAN SAYS:

That temperatures for the week December 13 to 19 were as follows:  
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## Vernon Prepares for Sixth Wartime Christmas



General Douglas MacArthur at the Invasion of the Philippines

Just as he vowed at Bataan and Corregidor in the dark days of 1942, General MacArthur is seen here on his landing barge at one of the stepping stones as a preliminary to the foothold gained when a 20-mile long American convoy moved 600 miles through enemy-infested waters to cut the Philippines virtually in two. A violent sea and air battle was reported raging last Saturday, December 16 following the bold re-invasion of the strategic Philippine island of Mindoro by U.S. Forces on Friday. Interest centres on war fronts on two sides of the world.

### Fruitmen to Plan For Bumper Crops In Future Years

B.C.F.G.A. Convention to Discuss Handling Tonnage Even Larger Than That of 1944

Facilities for handling tree fruit crops as large as those of 1944 or larger, will be a major subject of discussion at the 56th Annual Convention of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association in Kelowna, January 23, 24, 25 next.

These handling facilities will include the matter of increased cold storage accommodation.

As for marketing, the executive of the B.C.F.G.A. plans to devote a whole day to this issue, Wednesday, January 24, with A. K. Loyd, president and general manager, and C. O. McNair, sales manager of B.C. Tree Fruits Limited, leading the discussion.

Cultural methods designed to produce the highest quality of tree fruits will be introduced into the discussion, and a notable contributor will be W. A. Luce of the U.S. Government Horticultural Extension Service, Yakima, Wash., providing he accepts the warm invitation which has been extended.

A stiffening of grades and inspection will also come under consideration.

Box Supplies Assurance

Resolutions coming before the Convention will urge that vigorous measures be taken to guarantee adequate supplies of box shooks to the tree fruit industry in the coming years. It is indicated that the industry may set up its own standing committee so that this matter may be given persistent attention.

Marketing Legislation

G. A. Barrat will lead the discussion on marketing legislation on the morning of Thursday, January 25. Meanwhile he will have attended the annual meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in Regina, the week of January 15. He has been invited to lead the discussion on projected fruitmen to plan.

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### Kinto Review Year's Work

Financial Report, Highlight of Annual Meeting, Looked For

A resume of the financial undertakings of the Vernon Kinsmen Club will be given at the first meeting in the New Year.

This is invariably the highlight of the Club's annual reports as it deals with their efforts in Milk-for-Britain, the major wartime project of the Clubs throughout the Dominion.

January 8 will be the date for the first 1945 Kinsmen gathering at which new officers will be installed. President for the coming year will be Dr. H. J. Alexander, who replaces Don Steele.

Reports of other work done by local Kinsmen during the past year were given at the final meeting of 1944, held last Monday. Considerable pride was expressed in the Vernon Kinsmen, as well as Kamloops branch, assisted in the formation of a new Kinsmen Club at Kelowna this year.

### Legion Behind Men Now Leaving For Overseas

The Vernon Branch, Canadian Legion, meeting on Tuesday evening, endorsed unanimously the following Christmas message to men about to proceed overseas. A wire was sent yesterday morning, Wednesday, to Hon. A. G. L. McNaughton, Minister of National Defence, Ottawa, asking that their message be conveyed to the troops in question. The text of the telegram reads as follows:

"A Christmas message to boys going overseas. The Canadian Legion, 25 of Vernon, British Columbia, joins with Major General G. R. Pearkes, V.C., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., G.O.C. in-C., Pacific Command, in wishing them God-speed and a safe return, and assures them that if and when they in turn should come to need reinforcements, the Canadian Legion will use their best endeavours to support every such requirement until victory is assured." The message bears the signature of Capt. H. P. Coombe, secretary, Canadian Legion, Vernon branch.

### Agricultural Production In B.C. for 1943 Reached New High at \$86,917,546

Latest Statistics Show Increases in Almost all Lines of Crops and Stock

The total gross value of agricultural production in British Columbia in 1943 was the highest on record, according to agricultural statistics released this week by Hon. Dr. K. C. MacDonald, Minister of Agriculture, compiled by G. H. Stewart, Statistician. Estimated at \$86,917,546, the 1943 total is \$13,062,311 or 17.7 per cent above the 1942 estimate.

Imports from other provinces are valued at \$34,553,856, compared with \$27,976,058 in 1942. Imports from foreign points increased from \$1,782,560 in 1942 to \$2,300,767 in 1943.

Low winter temperatures were recorded in many of the fruit growing sections of the province, with resultant injuries to many fruit trees, particularly peaches and apricots. The fall was mild and most satisfactory for harvesting fruits and vegetables.

Low winter temperatures and unfavorable spring conditions were, to a certain extent, accountable for the comparatively short crop of practically all tree fruits. Apples and cherries, however, were slightly higher than in 1942.

The total production of all fruits in 1943 amounted to 244,208,000 pounds, valued at over thirteen million dollars.

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### Long Holiday For Christmas Weekend

Vernon housewives are reminded of the long weekend holiday. Stores are keeping to their regular Thursday closing hours today, December 21. They will remain open tomorrow, Friday, and Saturday until 9 p.m., and will not re-open until Wednesday morning, December 27. All licensed premises will be closed on Christmas Day. The Police at the Post Office will be open from 11 to 12 noon on Christmas Day, and will be open on Boxing Day as usual. Banks will keep regular business hours on December 26.

### E. Sigalet Loses Life By Drowning

Well Known Vernon and District Man Victim of Tragedy on Swan Lake

A note of sadness has pervaded the Christmas spirit of Vernon and district as a result of the drowning of Edward Sigalet, 34, well known district resident, drowned in the icy waters of Swan Lake where he had been skating.

Tragedy struck in the midst of happiness that afternoon as thousands of city and district people flocked to Swan Lake, as in previous years, to skate on the glass-like ice surface.

When last seen Mr. Sigalet was skating near the centre of the lake, and close to open water which had not frozen over. He was carrying a shot gun and presumably was in quest of ducks.

E. Sigalet  
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### City Flier Home From Overseas

P.O. William "Bill" Husband, R.O. A.P., returned last week to his home in Coldstream district, a veteran of 34 operational trips overseas.

He is the son of Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. C. W. Husband, well known residents of the district, and is spending overseas leave.

Serving as a navigator, he experienced the horror and thrill of operational duty against German's great fortified and industrial areas. On one occasion his plane was forced to make a crash landing, luckily, on English soil, when they returned from a particularly hazardous sortie.

Many of the crew were killed, and P.O. Husband was severely burned. After his recovery in hospital he took to the sky again to help continue the relentless pounding of Hitler's Germany.

He was overseas two years. After completing his senior matriculation in the Vernon High School he enlisted in the summer of 1942 and was overseas in July 1943. He was a prominent school athlete and member of the Vernon Hydrophones who won juvenile and mid-get cup honors for the province.

### Electors Choose Representatives to Sit Round Council Table for 1945-6



Fred V. Harwood

With some 1,734 names on the Voters' list, only 455 ratepayers polled their vote on civic elections day last Thursday, December 14. Mayor David Howie was re-elected by acclamation when nominations closed the preceding Monday.

There were four candidates in the Aldermanic ring: Alderman F. V. Harwood, whose two-year term had automatically expired; C. W. Gaunt-Stevenson, Walter Bennett and B. R. Bulwer. The result of the poll was Alderman Harwood, 363, re-elected; C. W. Gaunt-Stevenson, 306; Walter Bennett, 330, and B. R. Bulwer, 98.



C. W. Gaunt-Stevenson

Alderman Stevenson is no stranger round the Council table, having served two two-year terms. Although Mr. Bennett has taken an active part in community affairs, being president for the second year in succession of the Vernon and District Board of Trade, this is his first experience of civic affairs. The Mayor and new Aldermen will be sworn in on Tuesday morning, January 2.

In the 1943 civic elections when Alderman Cecil Johnston



Walter Bennett

and E. B. Cousins were the choice of the ratepayers, 837 citizens polled their votes, out of between fifteen and sixteen hundred on the list. These figures indicate, therefore, that 83 less persons voted this year, with an additional 100 or thereabouts on the list.

The 1944 City Council will write "thirty" to their year's work on Wednesday, December 27, when their final meeting will be held. Last evening, Wednesday, the City Council entertained the School Board and Arena Commission at a dinner in the National Hotel.

### Union Elects New Slate of Officers

W. H. Phelps was re-elected president of the City Employees Union, Local 2, of this city, when the union held its annual meeting here on Monday evening.

W. Shewchuk was elected vice-president, R. Haines re-elected secretary-treasurer and an executive consisting of C. O. Goldsmith, (re-elected) and J. Peters.

W. Hooker was named trustee; J. R. Stroud, guard; H. McMechan reporter; with W. Hooker and W. H. Phelps delegates. The union functions under the Canadian Congress of Labor.

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## Yule Celebrations Reach Climax in Churches, Homes

Servicemen, Women Home From All Parts Of Canada; Lonely People Taken Care Of

Indications at this writing point to a "White Christmas" this season, which will be Vernon's Sixth Yuletide of the war. Citizens approach the traditional season of gaiety and happiness with mixed feelings. They are determined to give those members of their families who are at home a "real time." A number of Vernon servicemen and women stationed in Canada made the long "trek" to spend the holiday in this city.

On the other hand, war casualties have been heavy throughout the Interior during 1944, and many homes mourn loved ones who have given their lives that the spirit of Christmas may not vanish from the earth. Ten Vernon men are prisoners of war; many lie wounded. Several homes count this as the fifth Yuletide that their loved ones have been absent on various fighting fronts.

"The hopes and prayers of all the years" are met in the year just about to dawn that victory may be brought to arms; a just and lasting peace with the safe return of dear ones.

### Last Minute Purchases Being Made

At the end of this week, the City Hall tree will display its multi-colored lights. Christmas trees are beginning to make their appearance in the windows of city residences. Absent members of families are arriving home, and with only two days of shopping left, last-minute purchases are being listed.

Vernon stores have enjoyed one of the heaviest seasons in their history. The supply of some lines of goods is short. Candy is non-existent. Liquor, while rationed, is back to the September quota. Metal toys are on the discard list. Turkeys, while plentiful are high in price. But take it all in all, however, Vernon dinner tables will be groaning with good things this holiday season, and children's stockings bulging to bursting point.

Owing to the departure from Vernon of a number of troops, destined ultimately for overseas service, the season will be quieter than for a few years past. However, extra theatre attractions, skating, dances and parties offer recreation to those who have time on their hands.

Special services have been arranged for personnel of all denominations in the Military Area on Christmas Day. In St. Andrew's Chapel, at Brigade Headquarters, new furnishings for the sanctuary have been provided by the Officers' Wives' Auxiliary. In the mess, there will be special issue of turkey and accompaniments, and it is understood the cooks will see to it that puddings and mince pies will be on the menu.

At the Y.W.C.A. Hostess House, "open house" will be the order of Christmas Day. Here servicemen can spend time with their relatives, where a "homey" atmosphere is provided.

### Special Services in All City Churches

Sunday being Christmas Eve, Vernon churchgoers will feel the urge more than ever to worship Christ the newborn King. In all Saints' Church there will be a special carol service at 7:30. At the Vernon United Church, their third annual Candle Lighting Service with full musical program will take the place of evening worship. Regular Sunday services will be held as usual throughout the day in all churches, with special emphasis on the Christmas story and well loved hymns and carols.

At 11:15 p.m. on Christmas Eve there will be midnight communion service at All Saints' Church. At St. James' Catholic Church Midnight Mass will commence at 12 o'clock, followed by High Mass at 11 a.m. on Christmas Day. All Saints' Church will have services on Christmas Day at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and evensong at 4:15.

The Vernon Post Office is wrestling with stacks of mail. They will breathe a sigh of relief when the Christmas mailing season abates, as they report record bags of parcels and letters both coming into, and going from, the city.

The Vernon Elks, so aptly called Big Brothers, are, as usual, seeing to it that no one goes hungry. "See Joe Harwood," said Mr. Harwood on Wednesday, referring to anyone who is without a meal on Christmas Day.

The city settles down to a long weekend at home, the majority of citizens relaxing after the busy season, but all with the prayer in their hearts that another Nativity may see families united, and "peace on earth" with "goodwill towards men."

## Ten Vernon Servicemen To Spend Christmas in Prisoner of War Camps

Six of This Number Captured in 1944; One of Remaining Four in Hong Kong

As the festivities of a sixth wartime Christmas approach the thoughts of the majority of Vernon citizens turn to relatives fighting for victory, and whatever the future holds for humanity after that eagerly looked for time. These men are on scattered battlefronts.

They are brave and gallant men bearing up under the arduous and hazardous strain of war. Either they are driving the enemy to his knees in Western Europe, perhaps Italy; sweeping the seas of aggressors, or carrying the air war to a decisive victory.

Some have fought and died, other are still fighting. For a small group of them, the past 12 months has been good in some respects. They are the men in prisoner of war camps who in this, the year which ushered in the all out offensive against the enemy, were captured.

Of their numbers, six are from enemy territory and were taken prisoner. One is a soldier, the only Vernon tank man reported to be in a prisoner-of-war camp. Four other Vernon men are sharing the same fate, but for them it is not just the first Christmas in the confines of enemy prisons.

Five of their number are airmen, who parachuted to safety over

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### Christmas One Hectic Rush at City Post Office

Probably the busiest spot in town in the present pre-Christmas scramble is the post office.

Regardless of the request of postal authorities to complete mailing a week before Christmas, these last few days have seen the post office jam-packed with long queues of residents posting parcels and letters.

People mailing Christmas gifts and cards at this time are taking a chance on their arriving at their destinations in time for the Yule tree, Postmaster C. B. Lefroy declared.

He pointed out that the public does not understand the work attached to the Christmas mailing rush. "They must think the mail is carried here and into their boxes on the wings of a prayer," he said.

"But actually every letter which comes into this post office is handled seven times, and every parcel eight," he said, and added that none of these handlings are waste movements.

Parcel mailers were lining up at the post office as early as eight o'clock on Wednesday morning, four days before Christmas.

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MEN'S OUTFITTERS

The Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad, was first founded as the West Indian Agricultural College to give training in agriculture to West Indian youths who had had a secondary education. It became the Imperial College in 1924, and in 1927, at the suggestion of Lord Milner, a scholarship scheme was started under which graduates in agriculture who had been selected for the Colonial Agricultural Service could take a post-graduate course there.

The London County Council has approved a new grade of nursing staff to be called "Nursery Nurses". Women who undertake this work will be posted to Social Welfare Nurseries after a course at a training college.

Capital assistance given by the British government towards shipyard improvement schemes now amounts to \$20,500,000. The plan covers development and modernization, including an extension of welding. The total estimated cost is \$39,870,000.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR

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Jack



## Wild West Tactics Used In Last Puck Battle Here

True meaning of the term "hockey wars" came to the Civic Arena last Friday night when the first half of the Vernon Military Area puck league closed with the undefeated Combines eking out a 7-6 victory over an amalgamation of the Midlands and Artillery in a tilt which threatened "mayhem" from the opening whistle until the comparatively small gathering of fans were ready to cry: "that's enough."

The contest was thrilling and unpredictable. The club gnashed their teeth, ever so hard, until the last minute of play when the Combines came through with a decisive winning goal. The game was a heretofore inconspicuous gentleman, Dunc. Grant, on a pass from veteran Frank Gourlie.

The theme of the entire game, however, was the wildness attendant on a western gun war in the rink. Penalties were rampant; a strike became imminent; and every now and then the ice was the scene of a melee of players.

Chief demagogue of the evening was "Combines" we defense player, Jimmy Kilburn, whose attitude towards the refereeing resulted in his removal from the game with 13 minutes remaining in the final chapter.

Kilburn had his sights aimed at smooth-going Frank Ginter, Midlands' central star, whose performance here was little doubt of his reported participation with fast junior teams in Winnipeg and a single tryout with New York Rangers prior to receiving his army call-up.

Kilburn and Ginter became entangled on the boards mid-way through the sandwich session to mark the start of the riotous portion of the game. "Jimmy" became so enraged when the referee whistled, but did not wave Ginter cooler, that he kicked the opposing player's helmet across the ice. For this act and a lot of verbal chit chat, Kilburn was given a 10 minutes misconduct penalty. Manager Bob Kidd promptly led his team to the dressing room, threatening to forget the game and go home.

One Minute Or Else! Referees George Sparrow and Bill Sigalek gave the team one minute to return to the ice, or the game would be awarded to the Artillery. After the minute had elapsed Sparrow visited the dressing room and moments later came back on the ice with the Combines following "like a group of school children going on a picnic."

But Kilburn wasn't satisfied. He crossed swords with Ginter again in the last minutes of the third period, and this time he became so riled for being penalized with Ginter that he threatened eradication of the ice official. Soon he went skating off the ice, never to return again.

The score at the time was 5-4 for the Combines. As one of the team's big guns, Kilburn's sudden exit with 13 minutes to go gave the Artillery added incentive. What should happen but Macdonnell, on the Artillery defense line, found himself with his team mate, Ginter, in the penalty box, and the Combines, with Frank Sicoll scoring his third goal, registered to make the score 6-4.

Play Surged Back And Forth The Artillery, back at full strength, scored their fifth goal when Frank Morgan tallied on a pass from Bonner in the corner with ten minutes of play remaining. Shortly after Combines' Bill Young was waved to the penalty bench and Joe Romano equalized the count for Artillery on a pass from Bonner. The play surged back and forth until a little more than a minute remaining when Ginter rifled home Gourlie's pass. Combines suffered another penalty here in the person of George Simister, but the remaining seconds were not sufficient for the Artillery to even the count.

Particularly enough, Combines were the chief complainants of the refereeing even though they suffered only two penalties while the Artillery had nine infractions credited against them.

Artillerymen's constant "amble" to the penalty box made the evening a busy one for their new goaltender, Bud Wiley, whose performance was noted as outstanding. Wiley, who is an officer of the Midlands, played junior A, in the same loop as Ottawa Generals.

Summary:  
First Period: 1, Combines, Kilburn (unassisted) 7:00; 2, Artillery, Ginter (Robillard) 11:00; 3, Combines, Sicoll (Gourlie) 15:00; 4, Combines, Grant, (unassisted) 16:00; 5, Combines, Gourlie (unassisted) 19:00.

Second Period: 6, Artillery, Ginter (Romano) 22:00; 7, Combines, Sicoll (unassisted) 32:00; 8, Artillery Romano, (Gunter) 32:40; 9, Combines, Gourlie (unassisted) 39:00.

## There's No Truth In This Rumor

"Rumours circulating over the week end that tea and coffee are to go back on the ration are absolutely without foundation," declares O. H. Bell, regional superintendent of rationing. Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

"This rumour was circulated in Toronto three or four weeks ago and was then contradicted by R. T. Mohan, administrator of tea and coffee," said Mr. Bell. "The rumour has been spreading westward, culminating on Saturday."

## Penticton Man Heads Interior Basketballers

Kelowna torch of basketball supremacy in the Okanagan Valley, practically blacked-out last Thursday evening when two local teams of the Vernon Basketball Club triumphed in the opening contests of the current season.

To make Vernon's initial victories even more to blow about, the Intermediate A team, the original Nick's Aces, defeated, although by only two points, Kelowna Senior B squad. The final score was 29-27 for Aces.

The game was the first admission attraction in hoop play this season in the valley. The preliminary featured the local Club's clever Intermediate B boys who trounced the representatives of the Orchard City 14-8.

Aces won only after a "now or never" comeback in the third quarter. Twelve points the local lads clicked in to Kelowna's five.

Until this time Kelowna had held the edge. Their attack was consistent. Their attack ly one better than the Aces whose third quarter spurge can be credited for saving their bacon.

An 11-7 lead was registered by the southern hoopers and at mid-way they were in possession of but one point margin of victory. Vernon was out front 22-12 at the conclusion of the third quarter and in the final plunge scored three more points which proved sufficient to give them the two-point victory.

Kelowna made a strong bid for the tieing basket, and on two plays for Aces, and as the leading point-getter of his team, whisked in five baskets and two free shots. His favorite team-mate, Otto Munk, was credited with nine points; Ellis Lindsay was in the line-up. The Aces' defense, led by Ikeda tallied the winning basket in the last minutes of play.

Home-From-Overseas Kelowna's sharp shooter was Jim Tostenson who marked up 12 points for his Senior B squad. Jim is back in his home town after receiving a discharge from active service in the army. He was at Dieppe. His re-appearance in the sports whirl of the valley is fine to see. Jim said that Kelowna has two girls' team playing this season besides the boys' squads which invaded Vernon on Thursday night.

J. Pantone accounted for seven of Kelowna's total; with Jack Conway and Jim's younger brother Henry, marking up four points each.

The Intermediate B boys played a rousing preliminary. The performances of the school aged Vernon kids, in their first year of organized play under the Vernon Basketball Club, was worthy of applause. Passing dribbling and shooting was as fine to watch as in the main game.

David Snow, son of the commander of the Canadian School of Infantry here; Dick Douglas and Dick McCuskey each tallied two baskets for Vernon and S. Tahara registered.

George Abbott was tops for Kelowna with six points with Jim Weddell scoring the remaining two.

Line-ups: (Nick's Aces) — Munk, Janicki, Lindsay, Koshman, Reed, Joe, Mac Master, Macdonnell, Munk. (Kelowna Senior B) — Harding, Tostenson, Ferguson, Conway, Tostenson, Whillits, Pantone. (Vernon Intermediate B) — Gordon, Snow, Armstrong, Douglas, Wong, McCuskey, Nishihar, Ikeda, Seaton, Tahara, Lowe.

(Kelowna Intermediate B) — Weddell, Noonan, Ourell, Carr-Hilton, Long, Abbott, Cairns, Stewart, Wade, Gray. Doug French was the referee; Fred Janicki, timekeeper and Ted Price was scorekeeper.

A new robot which photographs the invisible, and makes a picture of such things as the wave of heat rising from a human hand, and which would, the makers say, photograph a ghost, was announced to the Optical Society of America.

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## Prominent Figure in Armstrong Church, Red Cross, Succumbs

ARMSTRONG, Dec. 20. — The death of Mrs. Sarah Matilda Empey occurred on Tuesday, December 12. She sustained a stroke on December 8 from which she did not regain consciousness.

Mrs. Empey, formerly Miss Ross, was born in Cookstown, Ont., 73 years ago and was educated there. Before her marriage to Charles Empey, who survives, she was a school teacher. In 1907 Mr. and Mrs. Empey and family came to Haney and about a year later located in Armstrong, where they have resided ever since.

In Red Cross activities, quilting was the work she excelled in. Hundreds of quilts were carried from her home to the Red Cross rooms. When congratulated on this phase of the work, she disclaimed praise. Surviving besides her husband are two sons; Leonard, at Copper Mountain; B/S Ernest in the R.C.A.S.C., overseas; and one daughter, Mrs. George Wilford, of Abbotsford. Two brothers and one sister reside in Ontario.



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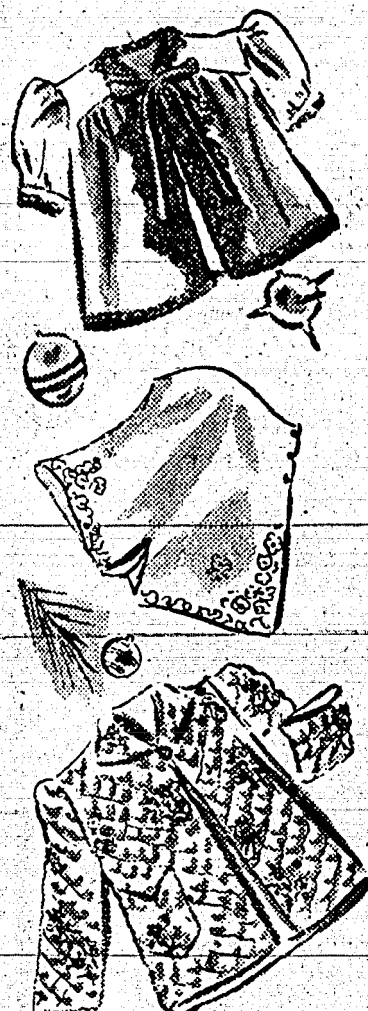


# Last Minute Shopping Suggestions

Friday, Dec. 22nd — Only 2 Shopping Days Left!

Store Hours -- Friday, Dec. 22nd 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sat. Dec. 23rd 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. -- Store Closed Mon. & Tues. Dec. 25th & 26th

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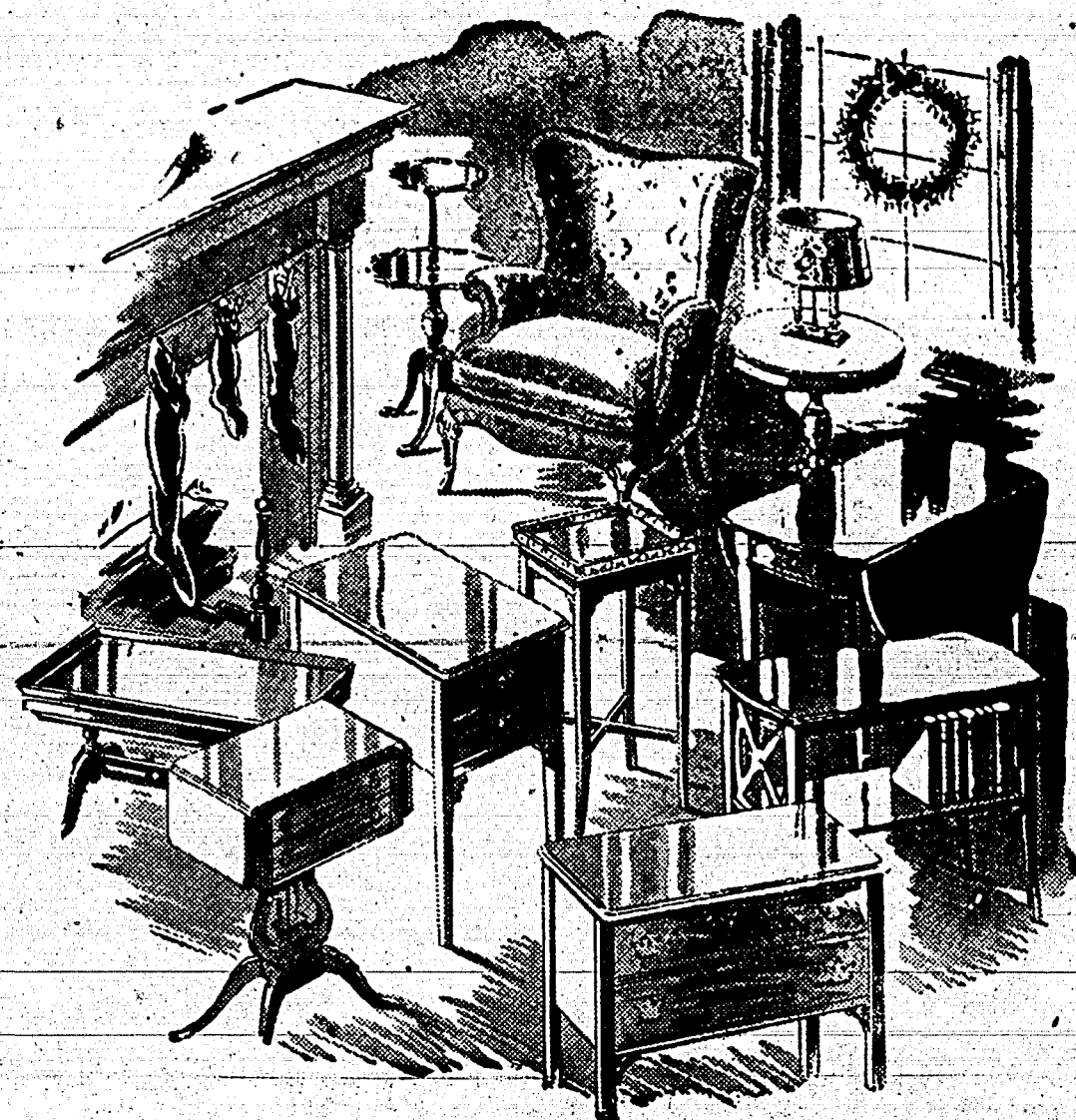
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## Six Young People from Vernon Meet in Winnipeg

"Tell this one to The Vernon News," writes Pte. Morris Ayers, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Ayers, BX district. Pte. Ayers, aged 17, is a member of the Vernon Training School in Saskatoon up until the beginning of December. He has now been transferred to the Coast.

This is the story, written from Saskatoon early this month, of Pte. Ayers' trip to the coast. He had to wait 12 to 13 p.m. in Winnipeg. There he met Guy Greenwood, R.O.A.F., Bill Simms, R.C.A.F., Denis R. O'F., (W.D.), Jack Lucke, R.O.A.F., and Bob Stark, R.O.A.F. These young men, as well as Miss Denison, are all from Vernon originally. "We had a long talk, it was something of a queer coincidence," he said.

At the United Service Centre in Chicago, "one eats and sleeps for nothing. It is all provided by the people of Chicago, where there are three such centres. The one I was in is larger than any building I have ever seen," he writes.

The morning he arrived he went to a servicemen's quiz program, "broadcast all over America each Sunday. You can hardly miss the questions they ask, but I wasn't one of the lucky ones," he continued.

The first place of interest he saw was the Art Academy of Chicago, which he visited. "It doesn't cost anything, so in I went." Describing the art of the United Nations which was exhibited, the young Vernon soldier described painting, statues, ancient and modern, all kinds of china and pottery, parts of old buildings and tombs, as well as "a fine section on Chinese art." There were in addition paintings by Rembrandt, VanGogh, Turner and many others.

The thrill of his visit to Chicago was when he saw the Toronto Maple Leafs play the Chicago Black Hawks, (on a free ticket he writes) when the "Leafs beat the 'Hawks' in a breath-taking encounter.

Free admissions can be had for most of the movie houses, legitimate theatres, rolling and ice skating, dancing, opera and wrestling. The play, "Oklahoma" was showing when Pte. Ayers was in Chicago, but it was "impossible" to get a ticket for it.

Pte. Ayers decided to stay at the Service Club, and enjoyed its hospitality for a week. On the seventh day of his visit there, he went to the British Servicemen's Centre to "get a cup of tea" was told they served good food. There he was offered a chance to stay in a "home," he writes, resulting in his becoming "one of the family" of a Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. He was there five days, and "they were very nice to me." They gave him a key to the house, and "I had a good time there," he said.

Pte. Ayers was quite interested in the Museum of Science and Industry, an American city, which is just what its name suggests. Here too servicemen are admitted free. It is located 56 blocks south from the Servicemen's Centre, or approximately seven miles. Servicemen also ride free on buses and street-cars. "The Mayor ordered it so," he naively writes. He described the medical section, where the human anatomy is reproduced in plastic, and steps in various major operations demonstrated. An exhibit dealt with drugs; and another on inventions for modern surgery and medicine.

He described in detail the section devoted to reproduction of the human voice, where the voice comes back; vibrations of the voice on a screen, and a room where whistles could be heard at the other end, but not in the centre.

Some of the machinery used in modern warfare, including actual torpedoes, trucks, guns, and models of different classes of ships were exhibited in another section. "There was a Spitfire suspended from the ceiling, which had fought in the Battle of Britain and had accounted for five German planes."

Bound he was going to see everything Chicago had of note, he visited the exchange. "The wheat market was slack, with dealers in a break in the market." The building is one of the tallest in the city, 43 stories. He went up to the observation tower for a look around. "It was a long way from the ground," he writes.

So this youthful Vernon citizen will return with a fair working knowledge of one of America's leading cities.

He made, if one may say so, the best use of his leave!

### Oyama News Items

OYAMA, Dec. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. G. Belsey, of Oyama, their daughter Ivy and small grandson Freddy, are at present visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. Belsey, Jr., in Springfield, Ore. Belsey, Jr., is in the U.S. Army, and will visit his mother Mrs. L. Phillips, in Eugene. They expect to return home early in January.

Mrs. L. E. Nightingale and little daughter, Jennifer, left last week for Eastern Canada to spend the winter months with her husband, Capt. Nightingale, who is stationed there, taking a course after two years spent overseas, when he saw action in Italy and Italy.

Mrs. Harry Nelson, and her three children, of Delta, Alta., are visiting her mother, Mrs. A. Deschamps, of Oyama. She expects to return to the prairie this week.

### Central Okanagan Sets New High in War Savings Sales

KELOWNA, Dec. 18.—The Central Okanagan touched a new high in investments on War Savings Day on December 9, when purchases of War Savings Stamps and certificates amounted to \$1,532.75. This passed the objective of \$1,500 set by the committee and which few of the committee actually thought could be reached.

## Violets in December At Oyama

OYAMA, Dec. 19.—St. Mary's Women's Auxiliary sponsored a successful bazaar in the Oyama Community Hall on December 7. There were three stalls, home-cooking, needlework and jumble. A purse, donated by Mrs. A. G. R. Prickard, was won by Mrs. T. D. Shaw MacLaren in a guessing contest. Tea was served later in the afternoon at tables decorated with chrysanthemums and violets. Piano and violin duets by Mrs. A. Beaton Smith and Mrs. Bateman, and piano solos by Miss Gertrude Tucker, provided entertainment during the tea hour. Financial returns from the afternoon sales and games totalled approximately \$90.

Mrs. W. Allan of Oyama, left recently for the prairie, where she will spend the Christmas vacation. Oyama residents will regret to learn that William McHardie is a patient in the Vernon Jubilee Hospital.

Mrs. J. Newton left recently for Banff Springs Hospital where she will spend several weeks. Mrs. J. C. Craig accompanied Mrs. Newton.

Peter Orasuk, who is a student at U.B.C., is spending Christmas with his mother in Oyama.

### Volley Ball Organized

A volley ball meeting was held in the Oyama Community Hall last Monday, December 18.

Miss Barbara Craig was the guest of Mrs. J. V. Acland of Vernon last week.

Miss Mary MacLaren, who is teaching at Coldstream School, is spending Christmas at her home in Oyama.

A social evening was put on in the Oyama Community Hall on Friday, December 15. Musical trios with Mrs. A. Beaton Smith at the piano, Mrs. Bateman on the violin and Mrs. Fisher on the cello were much enjoyed. Miss Gertrude Tucker contributed a piano solo. Later in the evening, dancing commenced, and lasted until 2:30 a.m. Refreshments were served.

Cadet Tom Hebert, R.C.N., Royal Roads Naval College, spent a day visiting friends in Oyama last week.

## Red Cross to Benefit From Grindrod Affair

GRINDROD, Dec. 19.—The Grindrod Hall was filled to capacity on Friday evening, when the school children staged their annual Christmas Concert and Tree. Proceeds from the concert are for the Red Cross Society.

Every item on the varied program was much enjoyed by the audience, and showed the careful training the youthful participants had received from their teachers. Mrs. M. Nelson and Miss I. Grayston. Two small plays, "Wanted, a Housekeeper," and "Mme. Camille's Beauty Parlor," were outstanding and worthy of mention. Miss M. Bing played the piano for vocal and other selections.

At the conclusion of the program, presentations were made to Mrs. M. Nelson, Miss I. Grayston and Miss M. Bing, and a vote of thanks tendered to W. G. Peacock, who spent several days putting up a new roller curtain and decorating the stage screens.

The Christmas cakes, drawn for by the Women's Institute, and a doll, drawn for by the Ladies' Guild, fell to the lot of Gavin Paterson of Salmon Arm and Mrs. W. Prosser of Grandview Bench, (winners of the two cakes), with five-year-old Arthur Folkers winning the doll. Dancing wound up the evening.

Mrs. L. Andersen and Bobby spent several days last week in Grindrod, coming over from Kamloops.

J. Karpovich, of Golden, spent the week end at his home here.

Pte. J. L. Anshokshi, stationed in Ontario, is spending several days at his home here.

Miss M. McEwen of Victoria, is on holiday visiting with her parents here.

Mrs. J. Smaha, and sons, have returned home after several weeks visit at prairie points.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Drabuk are staying with their parents in Sokechewan. They plan to be away about a month.

M. Mikalshen is spending his holidays at home. He is attending Normal School at Victoria.

## Centre Kiddies Made Happy at Institute Party

OKANAGAN CENTRE, Dec. 10.—The Women's Institute held its annual Christmas party for Okanagan Centre children last Thursday. The school pupils gave a delightful concert, directed by their teacher, Miss E. deMontreuil. All of the children took part in the program which was composed of plays, songs, and recitations. A chorus was sung by Mrs. H. Macfarlane's junior singing class; a piano duet was given by Joan Van Ackeren and Ethel Urish, pupils of Mrs. G. E. Parker and piano solo by Daphne Bernau, pupil of Mrs. F. W. Fixton. Accompaniments were played by Mrs. B. Haro.

Santa Claus, in the person of P. W. Fixton, appeared after the concert and distributed gifts for all the children from a beautifully decorated tree. Mrs. Ivan Hunter and Mrs. Brian Conroy bought the gifts and decorated the tree. Supervised by Mrs. G. E. Parker and Mrs. H. L. Venables. Games and dancing finished up the evening, music for the dance being provided by the "Wanderers."

Miss M. deMontreuil left in Friday to spend the Christmas vacation at her home at Okanagan Mission.

Mission Ellen and Doris Oled are on vacation at their parent's home in the Centre.

Pte. Victor Copeland, Winnipeg Rifles, is home on a short furlough.

Miss Patricia Chesman, who has been attending Knox High School, is home for the holidays.



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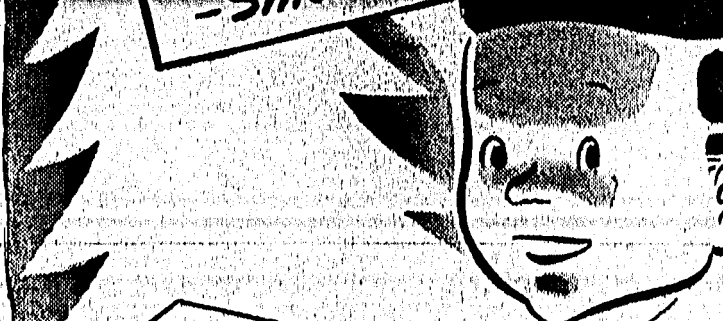
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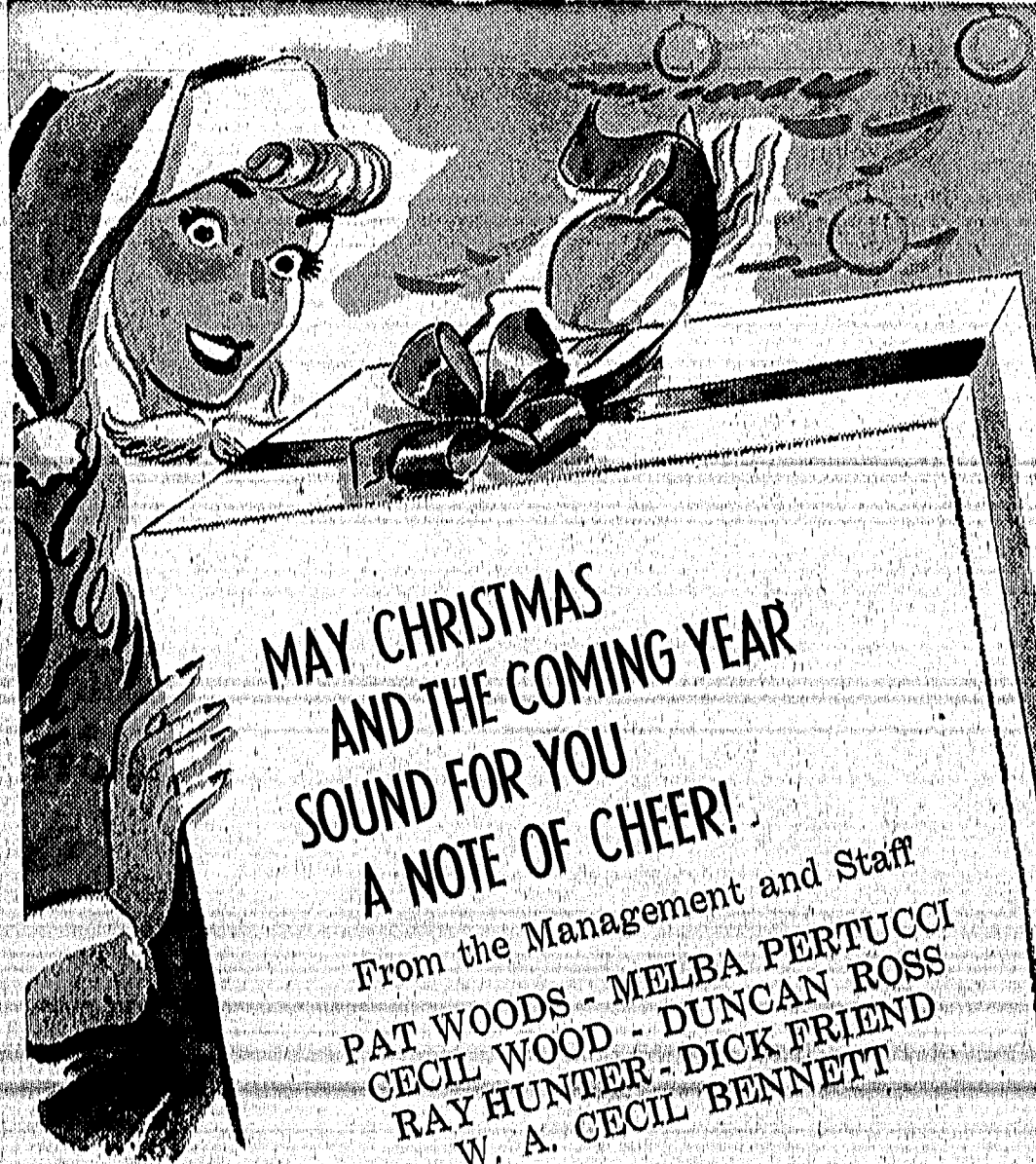
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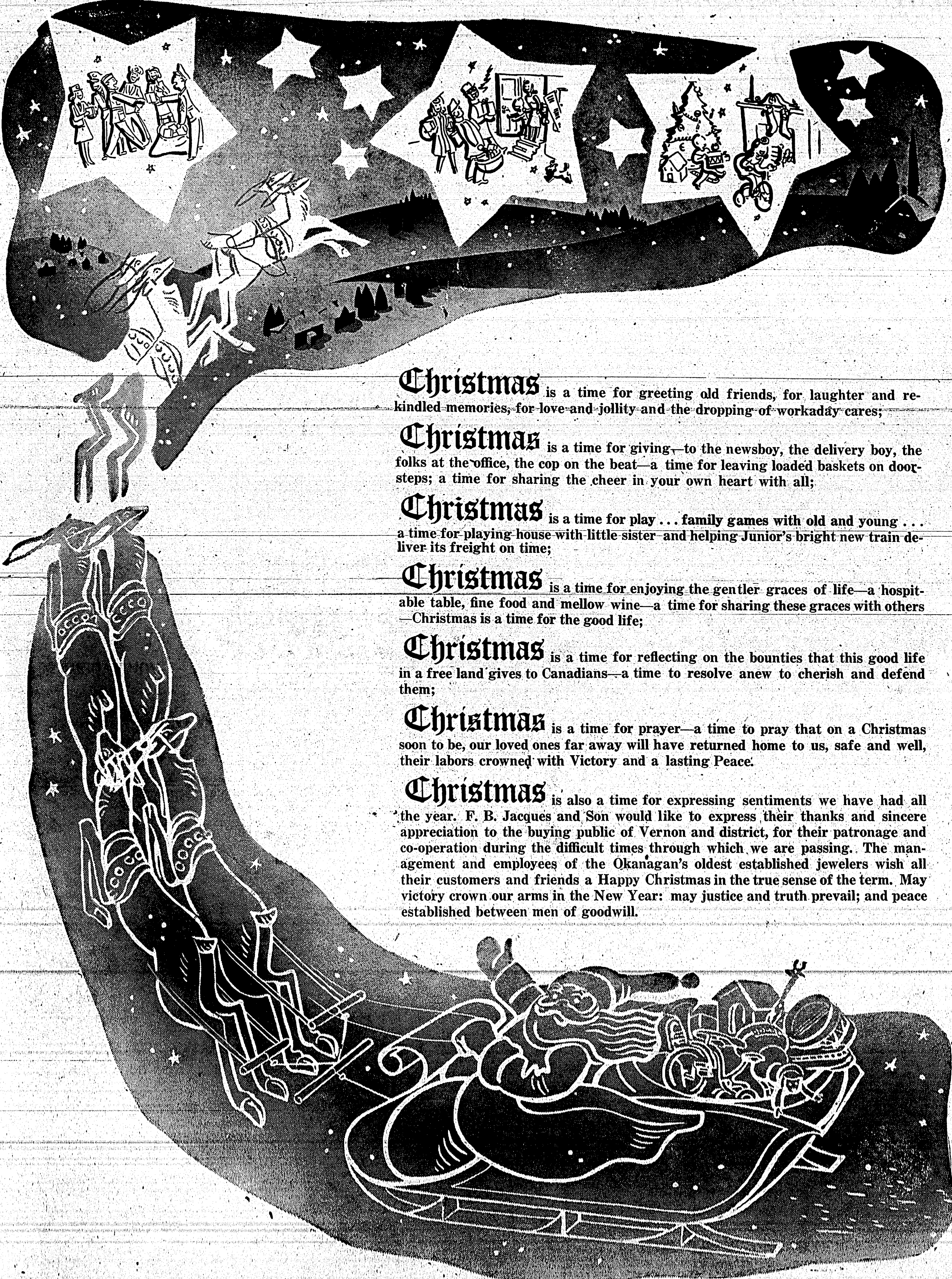
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**Christmas** is a time for play... family games with old and young... a time for playing house with little sister and helping Junior's bright new train deliver its freight on time;

**Christmas** is a time for enjoying the gentler graces of life—a hospitable table, fine food and mellow wine—a time for sharing these graces with others—Christmas is a time for the good life;

**Christmas** is a time for reflecting on the bounties that this good life in a free land gives to Canadians—a time to resolve anew to cherish and defend them;

**Christmas** is a time for prayer—a time to pray that on a Christmas soon to be, our loved ones far away will have returned home to us, safe and well, their labors crowned with Victory and a lasting Peace.

**Christmas** is also a time for expressing sentiments we have had all the year. F. B. Jacques and Son would like to express their thanks and sincere appreciation to the buying public of Vernon and district, for their patronage and co-operation during the difficult times through which we are passing. The management and employees of the Okanagan's oldest established jewelers wish all their customers and friends a Happy Christmas in the true sense of the term. May victory crown our arms in the New Year: may justice and truth prevail; and peace established between men of goodwill.

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# A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL



Dear Friends:

We want to take this opportunity of wishing each and every one of you a really Merry Christmas — we know that in this our sixth Wartime Christmas, many will have loved ones missing from their Festive Tables, those gallant men and women who are serving in far-flung battle fronts. We sincerely hope that Victory for the United Nations will come soon so that they will be with you again. We also want to gratefully acknowledge the many favours and friendship that you have extended to us and to thank you for the privilege of having served you in the past year.

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## F-M. SHOP

### Impressive Service Marks Installation Of W.M.S. Officers

At the regular Women's Missionary Society meeting of the Vernon United Church on Tuesday, December 19, the minister, Rev. Dr. Jenkins H. Davies installed the 1945 slate of officers at an impressive ceremony.

Those installed follow: Honorary president, Mrs. P. Hurlburt; president, Mrs. W. L. Pearson; first vice-president, Mrs. W. Niles; second vice-president, Mrs. K. W. Kinnard; recording secretary, Mrs. L. A. Gotti; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. Moffat; treasurer, Mrs. S. Hamilton; Associate Helper's secretary, Mrs. W. S. Harris; Supply secretary, Mrs. Sandrin; Christian Stewardship and Finance secretary, Mrs. J. T. Mullis; C.I.F. secretary, Mrs. K. W. Kinnard; Temperance secretary, Mrs. F. Hurlburt; Missionary Monthly secretary, Mrs. R. S. Nelson; Community Friendship secretary, Mrs. W. T. Hurlburt; Band secretary, Mrs. C. Wylie; Baby Band secretary, Mrs. M. A. Lincoln; Press secretary, Mrs. L. A. Gotti; Pianist, Mrs. J. L. Cross.

**Capt. P. Hertzberg's Death Confirmed**

Word was received this week by Mrs. Peter Hertzberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Corner of this city, that her husband, Capt. P. Hertzberg, was killed in action on December 5 while fighting in Italy.

Mrs. Hertzberg had received previous news that her husband was missing in action, believed killed. He was the son of Major-General H. H. Hertzberg, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., who recently retired as Commandant of the Royal Military College, Kingston.

Capt. Hertzberg was a member of the reserve army at Kingston from which he joined the active forces with a commission during the month war was declared. He went overseas in 1939 and was returned to Canada as an instructor at the Battle Drill School in the Coldstream district here. He was married to the former Miss Margaret Corner at the first military wedding at the Battle Drill School on February 17, 1940.

### New President Elected For Interior Hoop Clubs

Andy Bonnie, of Peniticon, was re-elected president of the Interior Basketball Association at the annual meeting held in Kelowna on Sunday, December 17.

Dolly Gray and Otto Munk represented the Vernon Basketball Club.

A minute's silence was observed at the large gathering of Interior hoop executives, in memory of former players who have sacrificed their lives in the war against aggression.

C. W. Spencer, of Kamloops, was named vice-president and W. G. Bennett, Peniticon, secretary-treasurer.

Honorary presidents elected were Nick Alexie, Vernon; L. Logie, Kelowna; Dr. R. W. Irving, of Kamloops; R. J. McDougall, Peniticon.

The executive consists of Jim Reid, the Kamloops representative; Mainline; Dolly Gray, Vernon, for the North Okanagan, and George Bogross, Kelowna, for the central Okanagan.

The Vernon Basketball Club took their Nick's Aces squads in the Intermediate "A" and "B" brackets to Kelowna for return games with the Orchard City hoopers last Saturday night.

The Intermediate "A" team, who are the original Nick's Aces, again beat Kelowna's Senior "B" team by 41-39. Captain Otto Munk tallied the winning basket within 28 seconds of the end of the game.

The contest was vigorously fought from the word go. At half time Kelowna was leading by four points. Some of the finest ball handling seen in the Interior for years was exhibited by the teams in the third quarter which ended in a 20-point tie.

The teams played a thrilling "eye for an eye" final quarter until Munk broke into the clear in the last moments and dropped the ball through the hoop in fine style to win the Aces second victory of the season in many tries.

Charges were reversed, however, in the preliminary as Vernon's newly formed Intermediate "B" boys dropped the contest to Kelowna by a decisive 45-10 score. It was the first time Vernon's fledg-

### "No One Hungry at Yule" Says B.P.O.E.

Under the genial supervision of Joe Harwood, the Vernon Elks Lodge is extending again this year the hand of the "Big Brother" to the needy and unfortunate in this city on Christmas Day. According to the best traditions of the B.P.O.E. no one will go hungry at Yuletide. Mr. Harwood invites any such persons to contact him, and he will see they enjoy a Christmas dinner. "Any-one hungry—see me," he said on Tuesday. The Elks Lodge held a dinner meeting in the National Hotel on Tuesday evening.

**City Curlers Call "Bissom and Stane"**

"Wi blissom and stane" is the call of curlers who are expected to commence the winter sport at the Curling Rink on Langille Street soon. If the weather man keeps up his good work.

Lionel Vainu, secretary of the Vernon Curling Club, has started to flood the three natural ice strips at the rink, and President Dolph Browne is hoping members will be able to get in their first games during Christmas week.

Curlers will meet at their annual party in the supper room of the Scout Hall tomorrow evening, Friday, when plans for the season will be mapped out. Officers for the coming year will be elected and reports made.

ling hoopers had been away from home.

A perfect job of refereeing was turned in by Kelowna's Charles Patman, and Doug French of the Vernon Club. French also handled the preliminary game.

### Chinese Community Alarmed by Early Morning Visitors

Vernon provincial police at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday morning investigated a suspected case of attempted robbery at a Chinese residence in this city. The investigation has since proved fruitless.

The Chinese, whose name was not given, laid the complaint during the early hours of the morning, when he alleged he was disturbed from his sleep by a noise on the roof of his home.

According to the police he went out into the yard where he was confronted by two soldiers, one of whom told him to "stay back or I will shoot," as he reached into his pants.

The police said that Chinese are usually become alarmed and called the constable on duty that night. The constable found an Indian soldier in the vicinity, who was intoxicated, and he was turned over to the military authorities under arrest.

The Indian's uniformed companion was then suspected but when found and searched for a gun proved he was not implicated in an attempt to rob the residents of the Chinese home.

The police said the men were definitely "looking for something," but no proof could be secured that they were attempting robbery. Names of the soldiers were not disclosed either.

**Chlorinating Plants Being Installed**

Chlorination equipment is now being installed in readiness for operation here, Dr. J. A. Taylor, health officer of the North Okanagan Health Unit reported a few days ago.

At the time Dr. Taylor was accompanied by A. H. Perry, district engineer, Federal Department of Health, Vancouver, on a tour of inspection of the localities where the equipment is being installed. These are at Kalamalka Lake, and at the reservoir on Bx district. The plant at the sewage disposal works on Okanagan Lake road is already operating.

Dr. Winstanley, sanitary inspector of the Health Unit, was present during the inspection.

### Was It Luck; Chance; Or Do Miracles Still Happen?

FO. Ralph Downing, R.C.A.F. son of A. G. Downing, of this city, had his wife about him when he was forced to abandon his Typhoon fighter plane over French soil on August 17, the day he was listed missing.

He knew the Allies were advancing, and rapidly, into France on their Western Front push. So he left a note behind with a civilian.

By nothing less than a miracle the message of infinite importance to the filer's relatives made its way across land and sea to his home in Vernon.

It was shortly after the day he was listed missing that Mr. Downing was notified unofficially in Vernon that his son was safe. Nothing was heard, however, from the air force. FO. Downing was still missing as far as they were concerned.

In a letter home, Mr. Downing's youngest son, LAC. Alfred Downing, R.C.A.F. overseas, told his father that FO. Downing was safe and well. He had learned of the contents of the message his officer brother had left behind in France.

FO. Downing parachuted from the Typhoon somewhere near Paris. It was not long before the Allies took that city. Here the note was turned over to Allied troops and from them to the British Air Ministry.

The message was addressed to FO. Downing's sweetheart in England. She learned of it from the British Air Ministry and told LAC. Downing.

It was not long after his letter reached home that the R.C. A.F. notified Mr. Downing that his son was reported to be a prisoner of war, according to information from the International Red Cross.

Since then FO. Downing has continued his contact with the outside world. While in internment at Stalag Luft I he gave another note to a civilian. Exactly how he carried out this feat is not known. But this civilian also came in contact with Allied troops, as they advanced, and it went through the same channels from somewhere in a Nazi prison camp to Vernon, B.C., many miles away, intimating that the filer is well and happy.

Prisoners of war, it is understood, are allowed to make calls by radio from their prison camps to England.

Mr. Downing said that his son also had a "stroke of luck" in a message he sent over the air waves. Mr. Downing's brother, who lives in Wales, was listening to a Hitler broadcast one evening, when FO. Downing's call from a prison camp interrupted. It asked that his sweetheart and brother, LAC. Downing, be notified that he was well and happy.

### Last Call for Ducks As Season Closes End of Year

Local nimrods' fall season of hunting has drawn to a close, except for ducks, which will remain open until December 31.

Sportsmen generally found upland game birds in Vernon and district not quite up to standard. Pheasant hunting was good for the hunters who could find areas with cover to stalk the game. Large tracts of bottom land and range, usually frequented by birds, were completely without feathered game this fall.

The reason, it is believed by sporting officials, is military training over these areas, and also the grasshoppers cleaned off many sections of range-land where birds normally found ample cover.

The birds consequently congregated in spots where cover was adequate. This invariably was on private property where hunters, especially visitors, found considerable difficulty in finding them.

Considering the light snow fall at this time of the year, a surprisingly large number of big game hunters bagged a deer or two, before the season closed last Friday, December 15. Reports of the game hunting parties entering the rugged hills in the Sugar Lake and Cherryville districts were more than ever before. Deer, black and grizzly bear, and the elusive cougar, and the enthusiastic marksman, but the wary caribou appears to have gone free.

Ducks are the chief centre of attraction to hunters at this time. They too, are not as plentiful as in past seasons.

President of the Vernon and District Fish, Game and Forest Protective Association, Dr. E. W. Frowse, stated this week that the thousands of mallards which fed on the pea field at the north end of Swan Lake during August, apparently were driven here by the storm at that time in Alberta.

Hunters naturally thought Swan Lake would be a paradise of web-feet, and punts were placed along the shore line in readiness for the wily sportsmen as the flocks circled over to alight on the lake.

But they were fooled. The ducks cleaned out the pea fields, and left the district, well nourished and contented to fly further south. Fewer geese than ever visited this district.

Chief interest for sportsmen now turns to fishing as they concentrate on a lake—mammal—which will top the Okanagan Lake Rainbow Trout Derby. Closing date for the first year of this fine sportsman's attraction is February 28.

### 1945 To Be Ushered In With Riot of Fun at "Capitol"

The usual riot of entertainment to usher in the New Year is scheduled for the Capitol Theatre in this city.

At 12 o'clock Sunday evening, December 31, the New Year will be ushered in with a welcome as throngs of city residents take part in the Capitol's impromptu entertainment program. Outstanding is the fact that it will mark the 18th consecutive year that the city has been the scene of a New Year celebration.

Manager Walter Bennett spares nothing in making the evening as fun-filled as possible. No program is planned, when the curtain goes up for volunteers to mount the stage a variety show filled with laughs is invariably the result. There are also a number of prize draws, and a special screen feature.

The theatre's Christmas series of draws for turkeys, 12 in all, took place on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Names of the winners were not taken but it is known 12 lucky and happy people left the theatre ready for the traditional Christmas feast, and without having to visit the butcher.

**Big Prize Waiting Next "Bingo" Night**

Four hundred and seventy people, a record crowd, turned out for the Vernon Kinamon's bingo feature in the Scout Hall last Friday night.

A \$75 door prize was in the offing, but the draws were carried out without the names pulled being present in the house. It was consequently held over until the next Kinamon bingo night, December 28, when it will be boosted to \$95.

Kinamon were lavish with money prizes on Friday. A \$10 prize was drawn for the door prize, which was unclaimed, and Mrs. C. F. Frie was the winner. Six turkeys were also carried away by winners of special events.

### Town and District

**New Vets, Old "Sweats" at Legion Party**

WREN Margaret Ramsay, W.R. H.M.C.S. Unicorn, Saskatoon, is spending leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ramsay, of this city.

Sgt. Muriel Illington, R.C.A.F. (W.D.), is spending Christmas leave with her parents, Cpl. and Mrs. J. L. Illington, of this city. Sgt. Illington was stationed formerly at Prince Rupert, and has been posted to Victoria.

E. J. Chambers, of Vernon, who has been in Ottawa for the past year and a half as administrator for fresh fruits and vegetables, Wartime Prices and Trade Board, with Mrs. Chambers, arrived in the city on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers left yesterday for Penticton where they will spend the holiday season. Mr. Chambers plans to be in the west until after the B.O.F.G.A. convention in January.

Alfred Lock, fireman aboard C.G.S. "William J. Stewart," on West Coast duty, is spending leave in Vernon until Saturday. He is accompanied by his two infant children and their grandmother, Mrs. J. D. Mulligan, all of whom reside at Falkland. Fireman Lock was a survivor of the "Stewart" when ship struck Ripple Rock on the West Coast last June. Repairs are now being made and she is expected to be fit to recommence voyages on the West Coast early in March. Fireman Lock was recently granted a divorce by Mr. Justice A. M. Harper, Vancouver, and was given custody of both children. His former wife lived at Falkland where they were married in 1940.

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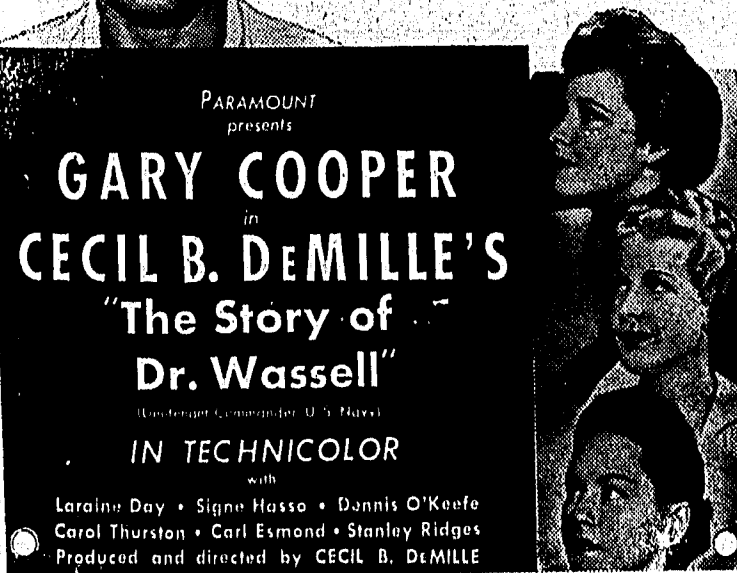
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## Town and District

Mrs. O. S. Harrylock returned home on Thursday, after a month at the Coast.

Cpl. John Buchanan, who has been stationed on the West Coast, is spending leave at his home in this city.

Mrs. Hugh K. Clarke of this city left this week for the Coast. She expects to be away about two months.

Miss Edna Baumbrough, Peter Tasse, Ronald Dennis and William McCubbin students of the University of B.C., are spending Christmas vacations at their homes here.

Lieut. Hazel Nell, CWAC, stationed at Kingston, Ont., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Nell, of this city, is spending Christmas leave at her home in Vernon.

Lieuts. Don and Bob Saunders, sons of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Saunders, of this city, arrived last Thursday and spent a few days leave at their home here.

Sgt. W. J. Mattice, R.C.A.F., and Mrs. Mattice, of Winnipeg, are visiting Mrs. Mattice's mother, Mrs. B. A. Doneau, of this city, for the Christmas holiday.

Miss Karen Blomquist, of this city, will leave at the end of the week for Vancouver to spend Christmas and New Year's at her home there.

John Dalton, of Vancouver, is visiting for three or four weeks with his son, Rev. James Dalton, assistant at All Saints' Church, Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lawrence and small daughter, of this city, are leaving on Friday night to spend Christmas with relatives in Vancouver.

Arriving on Tuesday morning from U.B.C., Vancouver, where she is taking her first year, is Miss Beryl Madding, who will spend the holiday season in Vernon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Madding.

Pte. W. "Billy" J. Tasse, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Tasse, Coldstream, is spending five days leave at his home. He leaves for Shilo, Man., where he is stationed on the evening of Christmas Day.

L/Cpl. Douglas Collier, stationed at Prince George, arrived home yesterday, Wednesday, to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Collier. He will leave for the Coast next Tuesday.

Mrs. T. Drew of Vernon left on Tuesday for Castlegar, where she was called owing to the sudden death of her sister, Miss Ida B. Adams, formerly well known resident of this city.

Sgt. Buster Dickinson, R.C.A.F., stationed at Boundary Bay, is spending Christmas leave at his home here. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Dickinson, of this city.

P.O. Maurice Bird, R.C.A.F., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Rode, of Vernon. P.O. Bird, who has just returned from Overseas and is spending leave with his parents in Kaledon, arrived in Vernon on Tuesday, and will leave Saturday.

Manfred Schmid, student of the South Burnaby High School, is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Schmid, of this city. He has been attending the Coast school since the beginning of the term and is taking senior matriculation studies.

Miss Mylene deBeck, student at U.B.C., Vancouver, is spending the Christmas holidays at her home in Vernon.

Col. G. G. Beeson, now of Vancouver, arrived in Vernon on Saturday on a short visit to the Military Area.

Miss Barbara Godfrey, daughter of Mrs. C. Wyllie, who is taking an Educational course at U.B.C., Vancouver, is spending Christmas holidays at her home in Vernon.

L/Cpl. Nellie Harrop, CWAC, arrived from Kitchener, Ont., on Saturday to spend her furlough and Christmas leave with her parents on Kamloops Road, Vernon.

Mrs. Harold Bartholomew, the former Miss Lois Lockwood, left on Tuesday evening for Ottawa to spend Christmas with her husband, LAC Bartholomew.

Cadet Tom Hebert, of the Royal Roads, Royal Canadian Naval College, is spending Christmas leave at his home in Vernon until January 9. He is the son of Mrs. W. B. Hebert, of this city.

Miss Annemarie Both, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Both, Coldstream, returned to her home on Saturday for two weeks' holiday. Miss Both is a student at Spratt Shaw Schools, Vancouver.

The Okanagan Valley Mine-sweeper's room will be closed for the Christmas holidays. Workers can obtain supplies of wool and other requisites on January 5 and thereafter.

Mrs. W. P. Bristowe and her three children left last evening, Wednesday, for Kamloops, to spend the Christmas and New Year holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cathcart.

Mrs. L. Corner and her daughter, Miss Betty Corner were passengers on Saturday's train, the latter having returned to her Vernon home for the Christmas holidays.

LAW. Sheila Neilson, R.C.A.F. (W.D.), stationed at Comox, is spending Christmas leave at her home in Vernon. LAW Neilson is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Neilson, and a former member of The Vernon News staff.

AC1. W. "Bill" Markle, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Markle of Vernon returned home last Friday, having been discharged from the R.C.A.F. in accordance with their new plan. He intends to remain in Vernon until mid-January.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCloskey, of this city, are spending Christmas with their daughters and grandchildren, Mrs. Duncan Smith and daughter, and Mrs. W. G. Acres, and Glennys, all of Victoria.

R. G. "Dick" Saunders, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Saunders, has been officially accepted into the army, according to word released by recruiting authorities in Vernon. He enlisted from this city on December 14.

Mrs. Gordon Miller, Y.W.C.A. Supervisor for Manitoba and Provinces west was a visitor at the Y.W.C.A. Hostess House last Monday. There will be "open house" on both Christmas and New Year's Day at the Y.W.C.A. on Seventh Street, Mrs. E. B. Robinson formerly of Nanaimo, is the new hostess.

Malcolm McCulloch, young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. McCulloch, is spending his holidays at his Vernon home. When he returned on Saturday he was accompanied by a friend, Joe Hargit, of Mission who will visit here for a week. Both boys are students at St. George's School, Vancouver.

Leading Wren Rosemary Bazell, stationed at H.M.C.S. Star, Hamilton, Ontario, is spending Christmas leave with her mother, Mrs. L. Bazell, of this city. Mrs. Bazell also has her son, Pte. Edward Bazell, of an infantry unit stationed at Nanaimo, home until December 22.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. W. of Vernon over the Christmas holiday will be LAC J. K. Ross, R.C.A.F., and Mrs. Ross, of Vancouver, and Norman McGee, of Calgary. Mr. and Mrs. Kinnard will also have their daughters, Misses Helen and Doris Kinnard, of Vancouver, and LAW Kinnard, R.C.A.F. (W.D.), Victoria, here for the festive season.

F. W. Wheelhouse has taken over the duties of night operator of the C.P.R. communications department in Vernon. Mr. Wheelhouse, whose wife is expected to arrive here on December 27, was employed at Vancouver formerly. Mr. and Mrs. Wheelhouse have two sons in the R.C.N.V.R. overseas. They are Telegraphist F. J. Wheelhouse and Signaller H. G. Wheelhouse.

Pte. Johnny Hughes, of the Canadian Infantry Corps, returned to the unit on Saturday night, after spending leave with friends at Kamloops. Pte. Hughes and brother P.O. Ernie Hughes, R.C.A.F. overseas, are well known in the area. Both resided in Lumbly prior to the war, and played hockey in the intermediate league which was active in those days. Pte. Hughes has been in the army since early in 1941. His brother is a veteran of operational duty.

Const. Stanley Northcott, R.O. M.P. stationed at Toronto, is spending Christmas leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Northcott, on the Coldstream. Const. Northcott will return to Eastern Canada on December 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Johnston leave today, Thursday, for Victoria. They intend to spend three weeks at the Coast, and will spend the holidays with Mrs. Johnston's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Kennedy.

E. F. Little, Government Agent, and Mrs. Little, of this city, will leave on Friday evening for Golden, where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. Little's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. St. Marie.

Major and Mrs. A. Heideman, who have resided in Vernon since last spring, during which time they have become very well known, left for Toronto, Mrs. Heideman's home on December 9 where she will remain, her husband continuing to a new posting.

Sgt. Archie McMechan, R.C.A.F., accompanied by Mrs. McMechan, are visiting with friends and relatives in Vernon prior to travelling to the homes of their parents at Enderby and Canoe for Christmas week. Sgt. McMechan is stationed at Winnipeg. He lived here with his family prior to enlisting.

Twenty-four babies, 21 mothers, two grandmothers and six visitors attended the annual meeting of the Vernon United Church Baby Band held this week. The collection from their children's individual money boxes amounted to \$4.35, which will be used for missions. Mrs. C. Wyllie and Mrs. L. A. Gott convoked the games.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rolston left yesterday, Wednesday, for Winnipeg, to spend Christmas and New Year with their children. They will be guests of their daughter, Mrs. M. McAllister. Their son, R.D.J. R. W. Rolston, Royal Canadian Navy, will fly from the Eastern seaboard to Winnipeg to complete the family party.

Leading Seaman Wilfred Carter, R.C.N.V.R. stationed at H.M.C.S. Discovery, Vancouver, is spending Christmas leave with his wife and family at Lumbly and mother, Mrs. Carter, and other relatives in Vernon. Leading Seaman Carter is a well known district man, played by the Home Oil Company in Vernon and Penticton prior to enlisting.

Major and Mrs. S. Turner, who spent some time in Vernon about a year ago, returned here last week. Major Turner has been in Australia in the interim, studying tactics of jungle warfare, while Mrs. Turner remained at her home in Toronto. Major Turner has now been posted in Vernon. They are residing at the Markle Apartments. When the couple were here before, they made their home with Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Martin.

Hon. Lieut.-Col. W. C. Mawhinney, Senior-Protestant Chaplain, Pacific Command, was in Vernon on Saturday night, registered at the National Hotel, leaving on Sunday afternoon for Kamloops, where he caught the train to the Coast. Col. Mawhinney conducted three services in the Military area on Sunday. He addressed the Church Parade at Detention Barracks at 8:30 a.m.; a Parade of the Midland Regiment at 9:30, and a voluntary service to which families were invited, in St. George's Church, S-17, at 10:30 followed by Holy Communion. Col. Mawhinney is brother of R. H. Mawhinney, former manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, Vernon, who was transferred to Nanaimo last spring.

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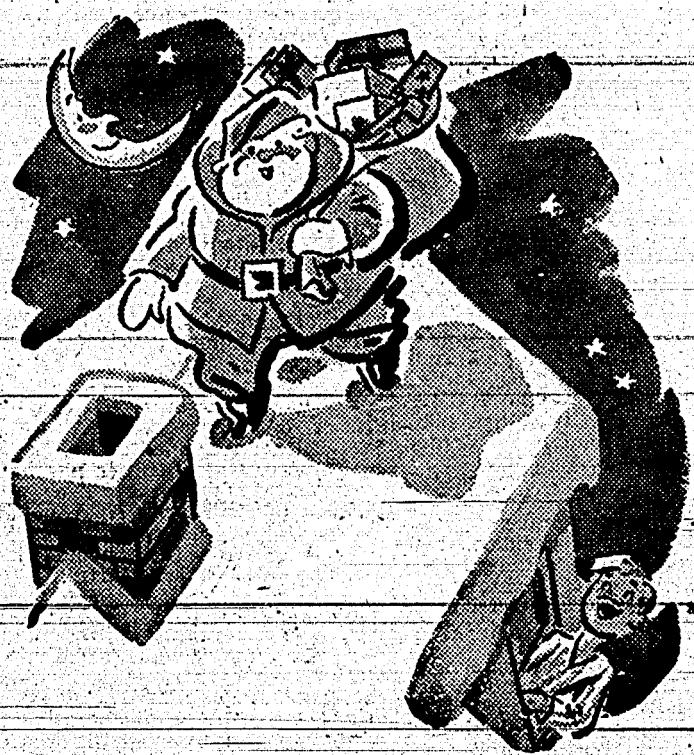
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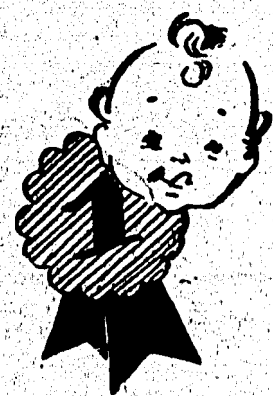


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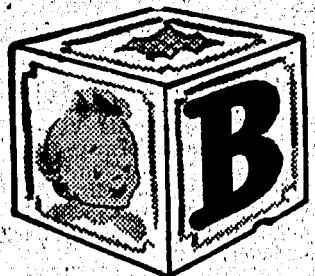


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## Every Oyama Man, Woman In Services to Receive Gifts

When the financial statement of the Kalamalka Women's Institute was read at their annual meeting on December 19, it was disclosed that this group has a balance in hand of \$178.00. Vice president Mrs. Harry Aldred was in the chair, the meeting being held in the Hall.

Over \$200 has been raised for the Comforts Club. Every man and woman in the services from the district has been remembered with cards, cigarettes and parcels for Christmas.

A vote of thanks was moved to Mrs. R. East for her help and co-operation in packing and sending off the parcels.

The president's report was read by Mrs. Aldred, and the election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. R. Allison; vice-president, Mrs. Harry Aldred; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Bateman; directors: Mrs. D. Eyles, Mrs. A. Evans and Mrs. L. Norman.

Conveners of various committees are as follows: Soldier's Comforts: Mrs. F. Whipple; Dirty Bags: Mrs. W. Allingham; Health: Mrs. A. G. R. Prickard; Agriculture: Mrs. F. Rimmer and Mrs. D. Eyles; Home Economics: Mrs. L. Norman; Education and Better Schools: Mrs. R. Endersby.

A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring secretary, Mrs. R. Endersby for her four years in office. Directors and conveners will meet at the home of the president, Mrs. Allison, on Monday, January 8, at 2 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Allison are on holiday at Vancouver.

Don Fenson left recently for his home on the prairie, where he will spend the winter months.

Mrs. W. Holland left recently for the East, where she will join her husband, Pte. Holland.

Miss Nancy MacLaren is spending the holidays at her home in Oyama.

F. W. Bowd left on December 18 for Sarnia, Ont., where he will visit his brother.

## Fruit Men to Plan

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farm products marketing legislation before the C.P.A. delegates on January 19.

A report on the health values of tree fruits following investigation which has been in progress at the Summerland Experimental Station, under the financing arranged by

the B.O.P.G.A., will be presented to the delegates. There will also be a report on interesting developments in respect of by-products from the tree fruits, particularly apples.

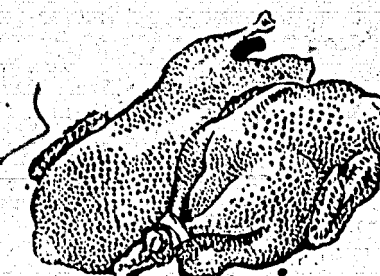
Hon. R. L. Maitland, Attorney General, will be one of the speakers. He has consented to give an address at the Kelowna Board of Trade banquet, Tuesday night, January 23.

Other speakers will be the Hon. K. O. MacDonald and Dr. James Marshall.



May the spirit of the  
first Christmas enter  
all our hearts now  
and throughout the  
coming year.

And may we take this  
opportunity of thanking  
our many friends and  
customers for their patronage in the past year.



We still have a good  
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## First Christmas Card

There! The Christmas cards were all signed and addressed. Now to seal and stamp them, and then into the mail. But could it be possible? That card on the top of the neatly stacked holiday greetings had suddenly developed a life all of its own! A voice, with a decidedly British accent, could be heard coming from the envelope.

"I say, there, may I have your permission to do a bit of my own trumpet-blowing?" asked this come-to-life Christmas card. "I must say that I feel quite spry for all of my hundred and one years. You see I was born in England in 1842, and I've had a most interesting life, although somewhat hectic."

"To begin with, there was some confusion as to just exactly when I had been born. And a thing like that can be rather upsetting, don't you know?"

"According to some records, it was 1843. But, personally, I have always disputed this fact. For I can recall being told I was born shortly after the adoption of the postal system in the British Isles. I said 'feel rather smug' recently when the British Museum in London—reported that they had come across my 'birth certificate' dated 1842. My birth certificate, of course, is the first-known Christmas card. And my father, according to the Museum authorities, was a young Englishman, William Maw Egleby."

"I was born amid the splendor of the early Victorian era," the Christmas card continued. "I depicted the gay holiday festivities of that era in a montage etching of four scenes. I showed dancers doing the Sixpenny Caper, a dance named after the popular literary character; a lively Christmas dinner party with the traditional plum pudding very much in evidence; distribution of the soup to the needy; and a cane-toting top-batted ice skates. There was a blank space at the bottom of the card marked, 'From'—so I was obviously intended to be sent out by many, many people and not merely as Egleby's private card."

"And that brings me back to what I was saying about the postal system. In olden times, I've been told, if one wished to send a letter or a greeting to a friend, he would have to employ a special messenger, who received payment on delivery by the person at the other end. I've heard tell as how William Wordsworth, collecting his mail, had to pay seven pounds for the privilege of reading the letters sent to him."

"To explain about that 1843 question—it seems in that year Sir Henry Cole, a man with many friends throughout England, decided to greet them on Christmas morn with a personal holiday message. Reading 'yes, you' (you) to 'A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You.' Sir Henry asked his friend, J. C. Horsley, a prominent member of the Royal Academy, to execute the design."

"That was my infancy! But how the British people did take to me," said Mr. Christmas card with a note of pride in his voice. "I'm really astonished that mankind managed to get on for so considerable a period of time without me. I'm so handy, and so easy an aid to remembering all one's friends."

"Several British firms commissioned Royal Academicians to design their Christmas cards. But I've always been a celebrity, thanks to one English gentleman, Kato Greenaway, whose extraordinary talent in portraying the delightful grace of young children created a sensation that has survived down through the years."

"Although England has shown all about me since 1842, I wasn't introduced to the American people. I made my debut in the United States through the auspices of Louis Prang, the master lithographer of his time, who has been called the father of the American Christmas card."

"In the late 1870's he created the first set of truly artistic greeting cards in that country. He was determined to produce the very best in art for his Christmas cards, and conducted several design contests on a national scale. The generous prizes he offered induced some of the most famous artists of the period to enter into competition, and these paintings were judged by the major art critics of the day."

"Those were happy days," said Mr. Card, continuing his reminiscing. "And Mr. Prang's creations did much to counteract the bad impression I was forced to make by the cheap German importations which made me appear a prime example of bad taste."

"Prang's pioneering soon led many others to venture into the field of Christmas card creations, and I was started on my long career as a well-loved addition to the happy holiday custom that adds so much to the joy of the season."

"And the way I figure it," said Mr. Christmas Greeting Card, "much talking, the more uncertain the times, the more precious are

the changeless things like Christmas and friendship. And the more important a word of greeting becomes. And I think that this year, more than ever, I'll be able to bring people messages that will carry a warmth and sincerity to gladden their hearts right through the New Year."

More doctors won't solve the national health problem. We can't have a new wave of health and keep the old ways of living.

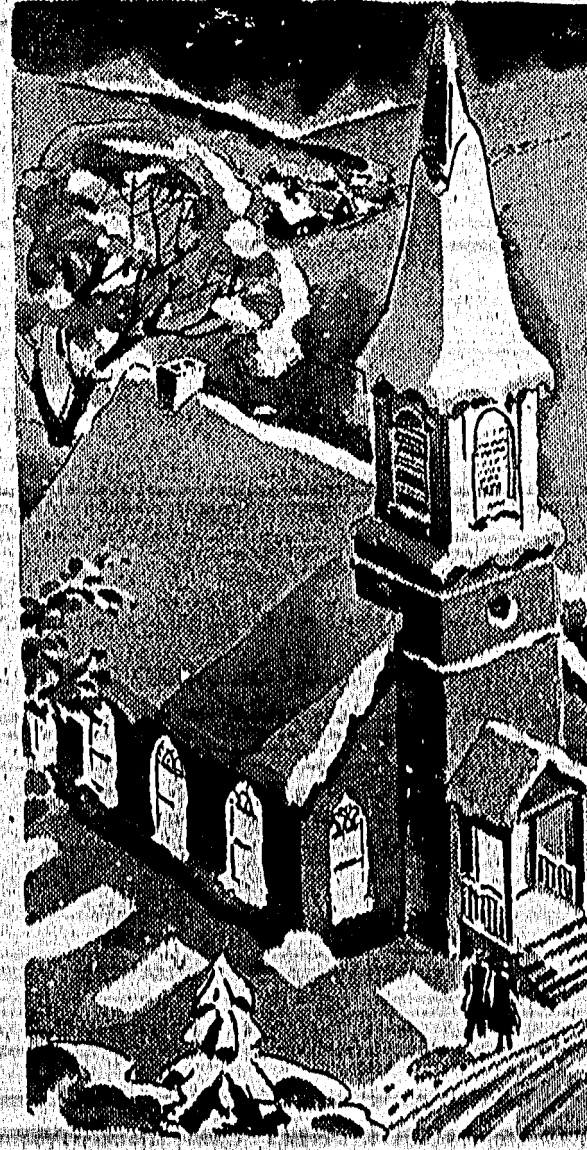


Christmas Greetings

and may you find peace and happiness in 1945

Michael and John Lemiski

National Hotel



Season's  
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to  
ONE AND ALL  
for a  
HAPPY 1945

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Programme

Welcoming Of The Osoyoos Special

Special Train Carrying Guests From Penticton  
Luncheon at 12:30 p.m.RAILROAD-DAY CEREMONY at 2:30 p.m.  
DRIVING THE LAST SPIKE!

## RAILROAD NIGHT!

All the Features of an Old Time Night at the  
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Games of Chance! Games of Skill! Games of Fun!

Fun for Young and Old

## Season's Greetings



We extend the season's greetings and wish you and those whose happiness is yours a full measure of Christmas joy and success for the New Year.

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(Graham Smalley)

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## CHRISTMAS

and  
BEST WISHESfor  
THE NEW YEARto our  
many friends and  
customers.

We wish to thank you for your many kindnesses to us in the past year.

## JOE'S MARKET

Fruits &amp; Vegetables

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## Coldstream School Stages Merry Christmas Party

An enjoyable evening was spent last Thursday at Coldstream Community Hall, where parents and friends gathered for the annual school concert and get-together. Capt. H. P. Coombes was master of ceremonies.

The program opened with an address by Miss Virginia Nafel, school principal, in which she thanked parents and friends for their co-operation. On behalf of the children, she mentioned the interest shown in their work, which made the concert possible. Miss Nafel stressed the importance of a goal to be kept in mind by each child in the undertaking of any work, this being the theme of the modern and progressive school of thought.

Harry Costerton opened the program with a "Christmas Welcome," followed by carols. The dramatic skits, recitations and miniature fantasy won hearty applause from the audience, as did a very colorful pantomime, "Alice Blue Gown," featuring Lorna French and a chorus of junior boys.

Miss Vivian McLoumie entertained at the piano throughout the evening. The Christmas tree and refreshments were provided by the School Board and Coldstream Women's Institute.

The drawing for a "Shirley Temple" doll and a silver collection netted a little better than \$20 for the Red Cross Society.



## GREETINGS

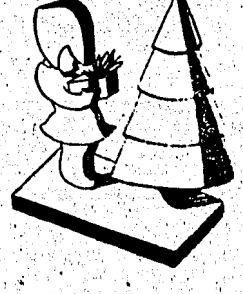
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CHRISTMAS

and Prosperous New Year

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from  
Joe Harwood  
VERNON

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## PAUL RIVARD

Billiards - Smokers' Supplies

## Massed Choir of 67 Children's Voices Sing Carols, Hymns

A choir of 67 young voices in hymn and carol narrated the Christmas story on Sunday evening in the Vernon United Church, which was packed to the doors for the occasion, with the Sunday school room filled as well.

The choir was made up of 35 children from the Elementary School, trained by David deWolf, plus the junior choir of the Vernon United Church, under the direction of Mrs. Daniel Day, who conducted the combined groups, with Mrs. C. W. Gaunt Stevenson at the organ. The senior girls wore their black gowns carrying black book covers, the juniors wearing supplies and carried white book covers, which, with the multi-graphed copies of the hymns and carols, both music and words, were the work of Mr. deWolf.

The boy soprano, Stanley Hall, sang "Ring Out Ye Bells." A chorus of six girls, Misses Marjorie Courser, Virginia Kinnard, Gwyneth Davies, Bert Ward, Betty Hood and Corcoran, sang "Joy in Heaven." Four carols sung as anthems, as well as congregational singing, comprised the service. The minister, Rev. Dr. Jenkin H. Davies told a children's Christmas story.

The third annual candle-lighting service will be held next Sunday evening, Christmas Eve, in the United Church.

## News Items From Armstrong

ARMSTRONG, Dec. 19. — Victor Marzo left on Saturday to spend a couple of months in Vancouver at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Warner.

George Wilford of Abbotsford, left for home in Friday, after spending two days in Armstrong when he attended the funeral of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Charles Empey.

John Hay, Sr., left Thursday for Red Deer, to join his wife who left here about a month ago.

Miss Doris Noble, who is attending University of Manitoba, is spending her Christmas holidays with her parents, Reeve and Mrs. Stanley Noble.

Misses Pat and Dorothy Dean, who have been attending High School in Armstrong, left on Friday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Dean, at Pawa P.O., in the Bridge Lake district.

After spending two days with his parents, Pte. Roy Thomas left Friday for Vancouver.

In a statement accompanying the annual British Cotton Growing Association the president, Lord Derby, stated that the 1943-Sudan cotton crop had yielded 354,000 bales, a record output. This was achieved largely by the irrigated areas as there has been a drastic reduction of acreage in the rain-grown areas.

## Final Tribute Paid M. Maki, Well Known Salmon Arm Resident

SALMON ARM, Dec. 19. — Funeral services for Matt Maki, well known resident of Gleneden and Salmon Arm district, were held last Tuesday afternoon, December 12, from First United Church, Rev. F. R. G. Dredge officiating.

Mr. Maki was found dead in his bed by a neighbor, Mr. Partridge, on Sunday, December 10. It appears that Mr. Maki had been reading in bed, and passed away in his sleep.

He was born in Lapua, Wassa province, Finland, and was in his sixty-fifth year. He came to Canada as a young man.

Of a family of 11, he has only one immediate relative, Mrs. Nestor Maki, of Gleneden, surviving.

Several nephews and nieces also survive, among them being Mrs. Eva Bedford, Trail; William, Frank and Elmer Maki, of Salmon Arm; Matt Maki, Tappen, and Eino Maki, Sicamous. To these and all who knew him, he was known as "Uncle Matt."



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## Standard Oil Products

He reminded his listeners that the city of Kelowna comprises 1,500 acres while Penticton municipality has 7,000 acres. "You're getting a lot for your money," he added.

With the aid of another chart Reeve Lyon also explained the division of the 44 mill tax rate as follows: Schools 24 mills, loans 16 mills, and general revenue four mills.

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Reeve Lyon then compared Penticton's taxation rate with that prevalent in other valley towns. He stated that the taxes on a \$1,000 home on a \$100 lot in Penticton amount to \$15. Kelowna \$15, and Vernon \$10. On a \$3,000 home on a \$300 lot, the figures are \$55 in Penticton, \$66 in Kelowna, and \$96 in Vernon.

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## S. Moore Deeply Mourned in City

After an illness of six months, Samuel H. Moore, aged 75, died at his home on Schubert Street, Vernon, on Thursday, December 14. Funeral services were held on Monday, December 18, from All Saints' Church, Rev. James Dalton officiating, when pallbearers were all past masters of Miriam Lodge, A.F. & A.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore and their family came to Vernon 33 years ago. For the past 19 years Mr. Moore has been engineer at the Vernon Jubilee Hospital. At the time of his death he was First Principal Z in Okanagan Chapter R.A.M., and was past master of Miriam Lodge, A.F. & A.M.

Born in Manchester, England, Mr. Moore was a mariner, both in sail and steam, before coming to Canada.

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## and all through the house...

IT TAKES A KID TO MAKE A CHRISTMAS... EVEN when the kid is a six-footer, and twenty-two next birthday. Even when he's now a seasoned fightingman with a string of campaigns behind him, and maybe one or two ahead.

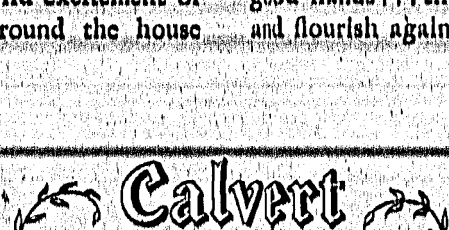
♦ To Mom and Dad this Christmas Eve he's still the little boy with the big eyes, who sneaked out of bed and peeked between the bannisters for a glimpse of Santa Claus.

♦ Funny little codger he was... hoping to catch Santa in the act of filling his stocking... trying to figure out how he managed to squeeze down the chimney... forgetting all about it in the wild excitement of Christmas morning... stamping around the house

beating his new drum, whooping it up, singing carols at the top of his voice... that was quite a while ago.

♦ Once again it's Christmas Eve. "I'll be thinking of you, Mom and Dad," he writes; "Gosh, it's hard to believe it's my fifth Christmas away. Bet the tree looks swell. And the candy canes and pop corn. Save 'em for next year and we'll all celebrate together."

♦ Mom can't see the postmark very clearly, or the writing either. Dad seems to be having trouble with his glasses, too. But when they look at the kid's picture they know from his cheery grin and big confident shoulders that the job he's doing is in good hands... that the Spirit of Christmas will live and flourish again all over the earth.



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## All Sections of B. C. to Be Included in Government Post War Highway Program

"Ten million dollars of the fifteen million to be borrowed for post-war work will be used for highway construction and five million for public buildings," declared Hon. Herbert Anscomb, Minister of Public Works in a radio address last Wednesday. The buildings referred to by the minister are required for both Vancouver and Victoria to house departments of Government now "scattered around both cities for want of central space."

"We have in addition to that formulated an extremely forward looking and progressive plan of main highway constructions to reach all sections of the Province," declared Mr. Anscomb. This is predicated on an expenditure of some 200 million dollars, and will take some years to complete, employing approximately 9,000 men at an average wage of \$1,800 per year, depending on the type of work performed by each man," he said. The Public Works Department is actually the most important "investment" department of government, as money is therein placed for capital construction; such as roads, bridges, ferries, and other services. These in due time produce for the Government revenue from gasoline tax and motor licenses, with which the maintenance of the roads and cost of the original construction should be liquidated.

"There has never been any suggestion that the Government would be financed by B.C. alone. It was predicated on being a link to bridge the period of reconstruction between war and peace, and as such it is largely the responsibility of the Federal Government, to whom we look for a large proportion of the money to finance it. Mr. Anscomb intimated that the Province could finance its share, providing there is, immediately after the war's conclusion, an adjustment of taxation between the Dominion and the Provinces.

"I am satisfied that some, if not all, of the special war taxes now imposed by the Dominion for war purposes can be removed, and I am not dealing with Income Tax alone . . . having particularly in mind the present additional 3c gasoline tax imposed by the Federal Government which, when relinquished by the Dominion, could be used by the Province and capitalized to provide sufficient for our portion of the large program planned."

"Good roads are our greatest asset, an asset from an economic as well as a tour view-point . . . one of British Columbia's main industries after the war period," he emphatically declared. Continuing, Mr. Anscomb referred to the potential resources of the "Peace River" district, generally known. "This year there has already been shipped out of that territory, some nineteen million bushels of wheat and there are five million yet to come out," he said, emphasizing that is annual production now. There are "tremendous" coal resources. "Another great natural resource that we have every reason to think is there—is oil," he said.

Surveys and acquisition of property where required are being proceeded with, so "that we may be ready to proceed with construction the moment the signal is given."

New "Passage"  
As well as a new "passage" from Hope to Princeton over the Skagit Bluffs, from there on it will go through Hedley and Keremeos, finally linking with the main Southern Transprovincial to the Kootenays.

The section from Hope to Princeton has been entirely in the hands of the Federal Government for the duration, where they have used a good deal of Japanese labor although few are now being used as most of them have been transferred to production enterprises.

"The object was to put a tote road through for purely military purposes. The road has not been made for commerce or tourist traffic, and no one should now attempt to use it for that purpose. It will be a very costly undertaking, estimated at \$10 million, but the result will be well worth it. It will serve to bring the great wealth of the Okanagan to the Coast in much less time . . . and will be of immense value from an economic viewpoint. When this work is undertaken we do not propose to open the road to traffic until it is fully completed, and then it will allow us to divert all Okanagan traffic that way for a period long enough for us to undertake major developments along the Fraser Canyon route," said Mr. Anscomb.

The Government is intensely "tourist conscious," he said. Before the war that industry was worth 20 million dollars annually, which is "but a fraction of what it can be made if we are prepared to do the things that are good for the people the service they expect. Good roads and more good roads is the answer. Our plan will provide for them."

The Government is proposing to erect a Forestry Research Laboratory at the B.C. costing perhaps \$500,000, to make possible carrying on of research into the physical and chemical use of timber, covering a wide range of subjects from pulp to sugar and alcohol, and many other things of industrial activity. "The whole future of the forestry industry rests on the successful re-forestation of vast areas," Mr. Anscomb referred to the recent appointment of Mr. Maxwell Cameron to investigate the question of education taxation on land.

In conclusion, after attacking some "glaring inaccuracies and misinterpretations of fact outlined by Harold Vincent" in a recent speech, the "application of Socialism in B.C., and indeed in Canada, could lead to nothing but disaster to this nation, so long as the greater part of the human race operates under a different set of conditions. I am convinced . . . no one is going to throw away the great heritage of initiative and enterprise of a free people such as this continent has been privileged to have for a long period of years for a theory and a fable."

All retail stores in Kelowna will close at 6 p.m. on Saturdays, commencing December 30 and continuing throughout January, February and March. It was announced there last week.

### Kiddies Christmas Party at Kedleston Draws Large Crowd

KEDLESTON, Dec. 19.—The Kedleston School Christmas concert held on December 14 was very well attended. The whole community turned out for the program, which was held in the evening.

All the pupils joined in the carols and other songs. Rhoda Clauson, Joan Munk, Eva Swanson, Shirley Leslie, Virginia Swanson, Vernon Fox, Verna Clauson, Jacqueline Nicol, David Nicol, Lily Munk, Billy Munk, Darwin Cover, Raymond Cover, Bruce Ogilvie, Dawn Ogilvie, gave recitations.

Rhoda Clauson, Ida Howden, Lois Howden and Joan Ogilvie took part in a play. Grades 1 and 2 sang "Billy Boy," and Grades 1, 2 and 3, "Cradle Song," the boys in Grades 1 and 2 singing a "Medley of Nursery Rhymes." The whole school took part in two plays. Tessa Neal and Eva Swanson rendered two songs.

Distribution of gifts, oranges and crackers by Santa Claus from a decorated Christmas tree, followed the program. Mr. Swanson was chairman, and Mrs. Jack Neal played piano accompaniments. "Three cheers" were given Mrs. Swanson, the teacher, for getting up such a good program on such short notice. A collection was taken for the Red Cross.

A Czechoslovakian brigade raised and trained in Britain during the last few years has joined the 1st Canadian Army.

### Peachland Ratepayers Favor Two Year Term For Reeve

PEACHLAND, Dec. 19.—Arthur J. Chidley was elected Reeve of Peachland, to succeed Mrs. B. F. Gummow, at a poll taken on Saturday, December 18, after a close fight. Mr. Chidley, polling seven more votes than his opponent John H. Wilson. Elected to the School Board were Mrs. Ruby H. Wilson, re-elected, Mrs. M. E. Dell and A. J. Chidley. The vote on a referendum to decide whether or not the reeve should be elected for a period of two years instead of one as at present was 58 in favor of a two-year term, and 41 in favor of a one-year term, so the two-year term will go into force in 1945.

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The blast broke Miss Reid's arm and two of Miss Savage's ribs, but the nurses hurried from bed to bed trying to get the wounded on deck.

Quickly the mercy ship listed. Sailors struggled with battered boats. Soldiers, already wounded, dove overboard.

Eleanor Savage saw that most of them were diving into puddles of oil and suffocating before they swam ten strokes.

From the other side of the stricken ship flames spurted 30 feet, but beneath those flames was safe water.

While Miss Reid used her one arm to play a hose on blankets brought by a lad of 15, Eleanor Savage wrapped wounded in those wet blankets and persuaded them to leap through the fires to safety.

Although ordered over the side herself, Eleanor Savage stayed, encouraging the wounded until the decks were awash. Miss Reid jumped before the ship settled but lost her life.

Eleanor Savage was the only woman among the 64 rescued and her citation for bravery said she had saved the lives of 11 men among those 64.

### Time out for Christmas Wishes

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## I.O.O.F. Boxing Day Dance For Prisoners Of War Parcel Fund

As a feature of the Christmas holidays, the I.O.O.F. are staging a dance in the Scout Hall on the evening of Boxing Day, Tuesday, December 26. Proceeds are for the Prisoners of War Parcel Fund, a project of the I.O.O.F., and for which five dances have already been held this winter.

The Boxing Day dance will commence at 9:30 and continue until 2 p.m. with music by the Rhythm Makers Orchestra.

A man's work brings him more credit if he does not care who gets the credit.

## Enderby News Items

The Enderby Hospital Auxiliary is making final arrangements for their Boxing Day Dance, December 26. Committees are functioning, and Mrs. D. Jones, chairman of the ticket committee, reports that already a good number of both turkey and dance tickets have been disposed of. Mrs. H. Walker and Mrs. A. Thomas, in charge of entertainment, report good progress in spot dances, and other items of interest. It is hoped that this event may exceed in popularity the previous New Year's Eve dances.

P.O. Charlie Blumenauer, D.F.O., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Blumenauer. He will soon be returning to England. He has completed a long period of distinguished service with the R.C.A.F. and is one of the two Enderby men awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

His wife and small daughter reside in the Old Country. Miss Charlotte McMechan arrived home from Glens Bay recently, where she has been employed as a teacher, to spend the holidays with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. McMechan.

Rationing in Australia is more severe than in Canada. Tea is still on the ration list in the Commonwealth, with an allowance of two ounces a week. Meat is also on a coupon basis and varies from three-quarters of a pound to two pounds a person weekly. Clothing and household linens cannot be purchased except by coupons.

Swimming was one of the world's first sports; it was popular in the Roman era.

## Enderby Took Elections for Civic Officials Seriously

ENDERBY, Dec. 19.—Interest in civic affairs reached a high pitch on Thursday evening when voters thronged to the City Hall to poll their votes, 161 being cast altogether. Mayor of Enderby, having received 88 votes. The other candidate opposing Mayor McMahon was P. G. Farmer who polled 68 votes. Three ballots were spoiled.

In the election of Aldermen, Howard Logan headed the poll with 107 votes. George Jones and E. N. Peel were tied, both receiving 104 votes. These three were therefore elected for the ensuing term. The other two nominees who contested the seats were K. Samol, who received 77 votes and M. Johnson, 31. In the election of Aldermen, three ballots were also spoiled.

This was the first time Enderby residents have been called to the poll to vote since December 1940.

Mayor Charles Hawkins, who has served the town for over 20 consecutive years, asked to be released from office, and only after his resignation was accepted were the other two candidates' names nominated. Mayor McMahon has served since 1927 on the City Council, and for the past four years has been "finance minister". His thorough understanding of civic affairs should prove most helpful to him in guiding the newly elected council.

Previous Council Experience. Two of the new Aldermen have also held a previous position on the City Council, George Jones having just completed a year's term of office when he replaced Fred Byssouth, who moved away some time ago. E. N. Peel served on the Council a few years ago. Howard Logan, although a newcomer to the City Council, is one of the oldest residents of Enderby, and has a wide knowledge of general conditions. Mr. Logan can re-

late the early days in Enderby, when the steamboat came up the Shuswap River to trade at the local flour mill, situated then on the river bank. A. H. Woodley, who has also been a member of the City Council for several years, and whose term of office has not expired, completes the group of four. The Enderby Bank and Agricultural Hall Limited are making arrangements for a full turn-out at their Shareholder's meeting which they are holding in the City Hall tomorrow evening, Friday. During the year, considerable difficulty has been experienced in connection with the operation of the local ice and curling rink, and it is hoped that a suitable arrangement will be made tomorrow evening. When the rink was first built, many Enderby residents bought shares in the project, so that the town would have a winter recreational centre for adults and children alike.

Pioneer Resident Honored. Mrs. F. Jones enjoyed a surprise birthday party at home on Tuesday, December 12. Mrs. Jones is one of Enderby's pioneer residents, and a large number of local friends called to tender their congratulations.

Friends of Fred Barnes will be pleased to learn that he is enjoying comparatively good health this winter. He is one of the town's real old timers, and long since past his eightieth birthday. Last winter, owing to poor health, Mr. Barnes was indoors for months, and it was not until early summer that he was able to tend his vineyard. Mr. Barnes, who is now 82, was born in the town of Enderby, and he will spend Christmas with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William Preston, of Salmon Arm, and their son, Merdie, visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Preston on Monday, December 19. They will visit with Mrs. Preston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Callens. Mr. Preston is back at work again with the C.P.R., following a few months' illness at home and a period in hospital in Vancouver. Mr. and Mrs. Preston resided in Enderby for a number of years.

On Calgary Newspaper. Mr. and Mrs. P. Murphy received word recently that their daughter Miss Mary Murphy, has accepted a position in the advertising department of the "Calgary Herald". Miss Murphy has a wide circle of friends here, where she at one time made her home. Her mother arrived in Enderby recently after visiting her son and her daughter-in-law in Spokane.

Miss Mary Farmer returned home on Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Farmer. Miss Farmer is a student at St. Ann's Academy, Kamloops.

Mrs. Henry Walker entertained a number of friends on December 17, honoring her daughter, Miss Ann Walker, whose birthday it was. The young honoree received a cable from her father, Capt. Henry Walker, R.M.C.'s, England. H. V. Stevenson left for Vancouver on Friday, to spend Christmas with his son and two daughters.

Miss Clark, teacher on the Fortune High School staff, left for Salmon Arm on Friday, en route to the Coast where she will visit for the holiday season.

Miss B. Thompson, teacher at Trinity Valley School, left for Kelowna on Saturday to spend the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Harold McMechan has as her guest her sister, Mrs. Teague of Montreal, who will return to Eastern Canada on the evening of Christmas Day.

Mixed Feelings. Housewives are expressing concern over the reduction in the budget. However, many of the more cheerful shoppers are accepting the news as just another way of assisting in the war effort, and that they are only paying a small price compared to those who have sacrificed so much. Others, on the contrary are sure they will "never be able to manage."

Mrs. E. M. Dow left on Friday for Toronto to spend the winter months with her sister there.

E. J. Webb returned home on Sunday from Victoria to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Webb for the holidays. Mr. Webb has been studying at Normal School, Jack Rimmel, also a student at Normal School, will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rimmel.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Webb will enjoy a visit from their son, Mr. Miss Isobel Webb, who is to arrive from Vancouver at the end of this week. She has been employed in Vancouver for the past few years, and has recently been accepted at a student nurse.

Miss M. V. Benoit will visit in Kamloops for the holidays.

Miss Audrey Loyd, who has been a student at the Fortune High School for the past term, left for Trinity Valley on Friday. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Loyd recently purchased their farm from Mr. and Mrs. L. Stalner.

Mrs. Abernethy and her daughter, Miss T. Abernethy, visited in Vernon last Friday, leaving the same evening for Malakwa, where they are spending the holidays. The former is on the teaching staff of the local Public School.

Comptroller and Mrs. O. Whistler visited in Enderby on Friday, leaving their Salmon Arm home on Sunday for Victoria and Nanaimo for a holiday.

Miss Edna Walker left on Monday for Trail, where she will be met by her brother-in-law, R. McHallam, and continue to Rossland for the Christmas holidays with her sister and family. She is teaching at the Fortune Department in the Fortune School.

Family Reunion. Mr. and Mrs. D. Scott will have two more of their family in the circle this Christmas, when their son, P. G. Scott, and his wife, Mrs. P. G. Scott, will arrive from Vancouver at the end of this week. She has been employed in Vancouver for the past few years, and has recently been accepted at a student nurse.

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Two Enderby residents have had the misfortune to lose rabbits during last week. Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Morris found they had lost all but one of their pure-bred stock early one morning, killed, they believe, by a dog. No trace of the animal was in evidence, except the collar. Later, rabbits owned by E. S. Burton were similarly attacked and killed. Mr. Burton had just obtained a buyer for his prize stock.

Miss Jean Smiley visiting in Enderby is employed locally during the Christmas vacation.

Enderby Hospital Board met in regular session on Tuesday. Due to the absence of president G. E. H. Edwards, the vice-president occupied the chair. Several new hospital

contracts were accepted, and it was decided to make the matter of hospitalization known as widely as possible. The any new Enderby residents might avail themselves of its benefits. Mrs. V. King-Baker, Mrs. V. Stephens and Mrs. E. N. Peel were appointed to select new linoleum for the Hospital kitchen floor. O. Reeves, secretary, urged that as many new members as possible be obtained for the board before the annual meeting.

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## Speedy Return of Armed Forces; Re-Dedication to Tasks by Those at Home

"Our hopes and aspirations for the men and women serving overseas have been that they would, this Christmas, rejoice those nearest and dearest to them around their firesides. However, the exigencies of war have once again prevented this," Premier John Hart stated in his annual Christmas message.

"It is extremely difficult to express appropriate Christmas greetings when there are so many who have been absent from home for so long. Our thoughts go out more particularly to those to whom Christmas will bring only hardship and danger and to those whose homes are bereaved by the loss of loved ones," Mr. Hart continued.

"I can only express the sincere hope that hostilities will have ceased before another celebration of the Nativity is observed. To those in the various fields of active service, I would have them know they are ever present in our thoughts and we plan for the years to come that their efforts may not have been in vain.

"To those at home, I urge they dedicate themselves with even greater earnestness to the responsibilities close at hand, that they act with determination to see nothing is left undone that will bring solace to the sorrowing and hope to those who return from overseas after so long an absence and very unsettling experiences.

"To one and all, I wish the most pleasant Christmas the circumstances will permit and once again express the sincere wish that Christmas, 1945, will see the nation of the world at peace," the Premier concluded.

## Deep Creek Children Make Merry at End Of Term Break-up

DEEP CREEK, Dec. 19.—The annual Christmas concert, was held in Deep Creek School on Thursday evening, December 14, followed by the usual Christmas Tree. A very enjoyable program was staged by the children, the favorite item being a negro play by Gerald McCraith and Roy Wales. Gifts and candy were presented to the children, after which Mrs. J. Enoch Jr., their teacher, was honored with a gift as she is leaving the district.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivor G. Ginn are receiving congratulations on the arrival of their eighth daughter, on December 7, at Salmon Arm Hospital.

Mrs. J. Enoch and daughters left on Friday to spend a few days in Alberta Hill, where Deep Creek visitors on Thursday.



Christmas in Barracks

Above, members of a Scottish regiment tuck into turkey and trimmings. Many a lonely serviceman far from home will be served a special Christmas dinner like this by his officers. Others will be offered the hospitality of both British and Canadian homes over the Christmas season. Any Canadian who wishes to do this should get in touch with the local organization in charge of hospitality for the forces.

## Lumby Group Entertains Children

LUMBY, Dec. 19.—A Christmas party was held in the Parish Hall for the Children of Sacred Heart Parish on Sunday. A large number of boys and girls attended. A beautifully decorated tree, covered with presents, for all, centred the hall. The ladies of the Catholic Women's League served refreshments, and in addition to their gifts, the children were each given a bag of candy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ward left on Friday to spend the Christmas holiday in Winnipeg.

Miss Dorothy Bruce is on Christmas vacation at her home in Victoria.

Mrs. M. J. Dunkley and infant son left on Monday to join her husband in Victoria.

Mrs. C. LeBlanc and her daughter Isabelle left on Monday for an extended visit at the Coast.

Mrs. V. Moore will spend the Christmas vacation at Vancouver and Coast Points. She left on Tuesday.

J. Downey left on Monday for a vacation at Victoria.

Between 50 and 60 pounds of honey will be produced by a good hive of bees.

## Dangerous Driving Charge Brings Fine

Pte. Peter Kozera, stationed in Vernon, was convicted of dangerous driving by Magistrate William Morley in District Police Court last Thursday, and was fined \$10 and costs.

Kozera was the driver of a large army truck which crashed into a Greyhound bus seven miles south of Falkland.

The bus driver said he was forced to stop his vehicle when he saw the army truck coming around a corner in a reckless fashion.

The evidence showed the army truck veered to the right hand side of the road and struck a rock with the front wheel and then crossed to the left and crashed into the side of the Greyhound which was then stopped on its own side of the road.

Although there was no exact evidence, circumstances of the accident indicated that the army driver was travelling fast at that particular portion of the road and was not in control of the vehicle.

## Vernon Men, Prisoners of War, to Have Good Old Fashioned Christmas

"A good old-fashioned Christmas will be observed in German prison camps this year," states Canadian Red Cross Society headquarters in Marine Building, Vancouver. Already 200,000 parcels have arrived at various centres in Germany for distribution to prisoners of war. These are the gift of armed services to their men held by the enemy.

Of 400 British Columbians who are prisoners of war in Germany, 10 are Vernon men. Their next-of-kin here have all sent Christmas parcels, so the dreary routine of life behind barbed wire in an enemy country will be brightened for them with such gifts and food as are allowed.

Christmas dinner will have canned chicken on the menu, the traditional plum pudding as well as maple sugar, to bring a little Canadian atmosphere into the feast. In addition to the food, each parcel contains gifts of toilet articles, bright enamel dishes, cutlery, and there will be lots of cigarettes as well as items from Canadian Red Cross Food Parcels to round out the supply.

Christmas Trees in Some Camps

Most of the camps will have Christmas trees brightly decorated with tinsel, colored papers and metal ornaments, made out of tin containers, if last year's pattern is followed. There will be carol singing, and religious services, while the lighter side will be satisfied by pantomimes and Christmas shows.

Last year most of the camps gave the men three days holiday and in some cases they were allowed to have guests from other lagers on Christmas Day. "Spirits couldn't have been higher," wrote one man. "We had two lovely tinsel-decorated trees complete with candles and our room was a pretty sight with its colored paper chains and hanging lengths made from paper from Red Cross parcels."

It is believed that the number of B.C. men held in German prison camps now number over 400.

## Winfield School Has Santa Party

WINFIELD, Dec. 19.—The Winfield Community Hall was filled to overflowing on Thursday evening, December 14, when the Winfield Public School classes held their annual Christmas Tree and Concert. A most entertaining program was presented, for which much credit is due the pupils as well as G. Elliott and Miss A. Helt, together with Mrs. J. Seaton, who provided the music. Following the entertainment Santa Claus was on hand to present pupils and preschool kiddies with a gift, a chocolate bar and an orange.

Mrs. R. Moody has received word of the recent marriage of her niece, Marjory Robbins, to Thomas McArthur, at Vancouver. The former Miss Robbins was a resident of this district for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Olson and family have moved to Kelowna where Mr. Olson will be employed.

N. Wells is leaving this week for Vancouver, where he will spend Christmas at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. Sapinski.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ramsay and son, Murray, left last week for Sicamous, where they will make their home.

## Largest Vote Polled in Salmon Arm for Many Years

SALMON ARM, Dec. 19.—Harold W. Scales is the new Alderman on the Salmon Arm City Council as the result of the ballot taken last Thursday, December 14. He replaces Alderman J. S. Day, who is retiring after 16 years of service. Alderman Vic Nancollas and Alderman T. H. Elliott were re-elected for their second two-year term. C. S. Barker was the fourth aspirant in the civic election. Mayor R. J. Salmon was re-elected by acclamation.

On the morning of nomination day no names had been proposed, but when the closing hour came on Monday afternoon, Returning Officer City Clerk R. Lingford reported that papers for W. Scales and C. C. Barker had been filed contesting the vacant seat.

The new alderman is well known in this district. He resided in Salmon Arm from 1907 to 1915 when he joined the active service force in World War I. He returned to Salmon Arm in 1931 where he has made his home since.

Alderman Scales has taken an active part in many public activities, and prior to starting his present accounting business, he was partner with Gordon Robertson in the service station for 10 years. His father, R. K. Scales, was a pioneer merchant of Salmon Arm and Mayor of the City when the original domestic water system was installed.

The result of the Poll was: H. W. Scales, 152; T. H. Elliott, 136; Nancollas, 131; C. C. Barker, 107.

Returning Officer Lingford reports that he believes the poll was a record vote, the count being 193 ballots. The nearest to this figure he reports as 188 some years ago.

In the Salmon Arm District Municipality, Reeve F. Farmer was re-elected by acclamation. There were four aspirants for three vacancies. Councillors Ross McLeod and D. McMullan were standing for re-election, and A. B. Ritchie and J. Woodburn were nominees for the vacant seat of Councillor L. Nelson, who retired on the completion of his term.

A. B. Ritchie, a former member of the Council, headed the poll on December 16 with 212 votes; Councillor R. M. McLeod, 193; Councillor D. McMullan, 181 and J. Woodburn, 71.

The new councillor is a well-known resident of the district, where he has been on the staff of the Forestry Department for many years. His work on the executive of the Salmon Arm branch of the Canadian Legion and on former councils, has given him an insight into the needs of the district. He served in the First Great War and spent two and a half years overseas in the present conflict as captain in the Canadian Forestry Corps.

Closing School Exercises

Last Wednesday evening the Gym Hall was packed with an enthusiastic audience to see the Christmas presentation by the students of the Salmon Arm Consolidated High School.

The program took the form of four one-act plays with musical intermissions by musicians of the Students' Council. In spite of the fact that the students had a very short time to prepare the program, the teaching staff and participants are to be congratulated on the very excellent performance.

On Thursday evening the pupils of the Salmon Arm Elementary School presented their operetta, "Big Van Winkle." This colorful theatrical venture was very well done, and showed that Principal T. Prescott and staff had made a careful selection for the various parts.

School was officially closed on Friday morning, to re-open on Wednesday, January 3.

The school children are enjoying the fine out-door skating on Little Lake, and on Sunday afternoon, the ice surface was practically covered by young and old taking advantage of the ideal conditions.

On Sunday evening, the United Church was well filled to witness the Sunday School present the White Gift Service and Christmas Pageant, "Why the Chimes Rang." The artistic setting for this as well as the lighting effects, were prepared and handled by Sunday School Superintendent Don Campbell and Mrs. C. R. Boer, assisted by other members of the teaching staff. After the service each pupil was given their Christmas "treat" in the Sunday School rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Gishbourne are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter in the Salmon Arm Hospital on December 17.

Mrs. M. Harvie and son Peter, left last week for a few weeks holiday in Vancouver.

Walter Galver, who recently received his discharge from the R.C.A.F. arrived in Salmon Arm last week to join his wife and two sons here.

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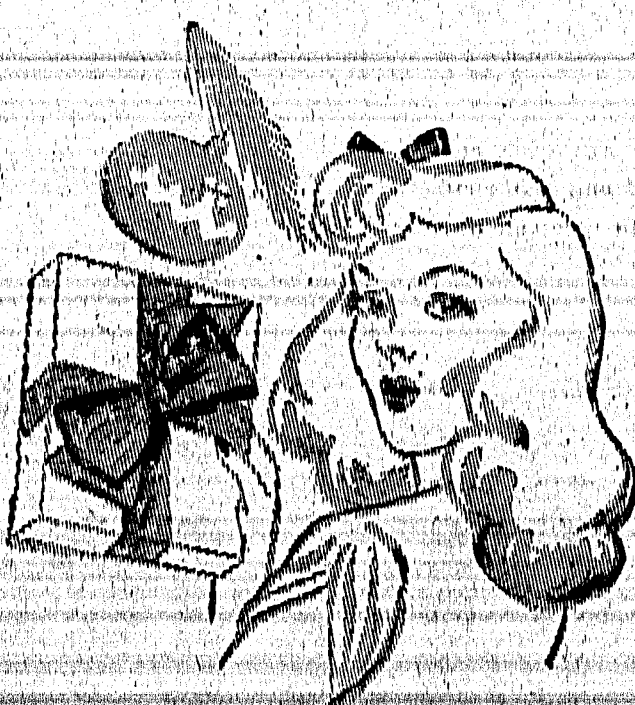
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### Savona Residents Petition Against Japanese Farmers

KAMLOOPS, Dec. 15. — Adult residents of Savona have endorsed a petition 100 percent objecting to Japanese being brought into their village. The original has been sent to T. J. O'Neill, M.P., and copies forwarded to Attorney-General R. L. Maitland.

INTER-CITY SIGNS & PUBLICITY  
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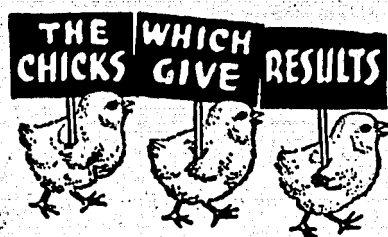
### D.F.C. For Penticton Airman

PENTICTON, Dec. 18.—Last week brought news of high honors for Flight-Lieut. O. Eric Bennett, the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Bennett, who has recently been visiting here, after overseas service. Flight-Lieut. Bennett, who has been advanced recently to higher rank, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Details regarding the award are not yet available, states Flight-Lieutenant Bennett's father. His son has meanwhile continued on to Vancouver.

With German-banned books restored—and books glorifying Germany and Marshal Petain eliminated—several million French children have returned to elementary schools.

## Season's Greetings TO OKANAGAN POULTRY RAISERS



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## Extra Blankets Allowed Now for War Prisoners

Canadian prisoners of war in Germany are entitled to two blankets in winter and one in summer, as well as one or more private blankets, according to a clarification of regulations received from the International Red Cross.

"With the approach of winter there has been a great deal of anxiety on the part of the next-of-kin of our troops detained in Germany as to living conditions in the internment camps, so we sought this clarification from the International Committee of the Red Cross," Mr. Urquhart said.

In an order passed in 1943 the German government authorized where the camp officials find it impossible to supply two blankets to prisoners they are authorized to issue only one, but in such cases the dormitories must be heated night and day, the Chairman said.

The German authorities have assured the International Red Cross that they recognized a prisoner of war's right of ownership over two next-of-kin blankets and that the prisoners may take their personal blankets with them when they are transferred to another camp.

In the past, Mr. Urquhart said, the Canadian Red Cross has provided next-of-kin with a blanket for parcels where they have not been in a position to supply one themselves. In view of the assurance of the German government, the Society has decided to continue this practice.

Dr. A. Janovics, chemist in charge of Rand laboratories producing penicillin, says it's hoped in the near future to produce as much of the drug as South Africa requires.

## Traditions Which Belong to Holly And Evergreens

Evergreens are synonymous with Christmas, but to comply with tradition they should not be put in place before Christmas Eve. It should be a part of the children's Christmas duties to bring them in and hang them in the designated places. They should be left in place until January 6 (Twelfth Night), when every leaf must be burned. Tradition maintains that even one leaf left to wither will encourage witches and sprites.

Holly protects the home from evil spirits. In ancient times Christians hung holly wreaths to invite the spirit of the Christ child to come and spend the holidays with them. The Christmas candle is symbolic of the Star of Bethlehem. Holly is supposed to be particularly lucky for men.

Many gardeners know that there is a male and female species of holly—the male holly has sharp prickly-edged leaves, and the female variety smooth-edged, glossy leaves. There is an old Christmas tradition, originating in the English Midlands, that if you bring in holly, the husband will rule during the coming year. On the other hand, if you select she-holly, your wife will have the upper hand. It is best to play safe and bring in a little of each.

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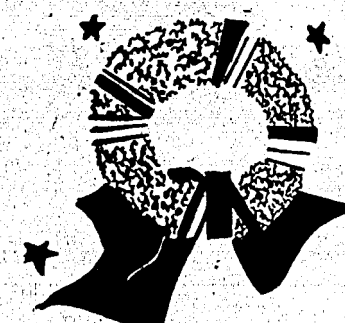
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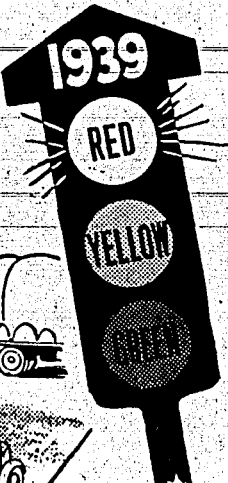
Not yet it gleams on a world unbroken,  
Not yet the ultimate night is past.  
But the star climbs higher, the bells have spoken,  
The light begins at last.

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And May Success And Happiness Be Yours  
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Don't confuse the signals—(This is the YELLOW LIGHT ONLY).

It means a little more of some things and it helps business men get ready for the time when there will be more materials and workers available.

It does not mean the end of shortages!

Getting back to peacetime production will necessarily be piecemeal and gradual.

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Only after Victory over both enemies can the Green Light be switched on, and the road cleared for enough production to meet all our civilian needs.

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## Kelowna Asks 94 Japanese Be Sent Away From District

KELOWNA, Dec. 16.—Considerable concern is being felt in this area at the present time about the influx of Japanese, many of whom are coming into this district, and feeling is running higher here now than it has at any time during the past eighteen months.

W. B. Hughes-Games, who is secretary of the Kelowna and District Security Committee, told the executive council of the Kelowna Board of Trade last week that lately there had been evidence of a decided drift into the Central Okanagan of Japanese. Many of them were here without permits.

Without Permits  
Many Japanese who had been brought into the Vernon area to pick fruit had been sent out of that district and had drifted into the Central Okanagan, where they had relatives. In Okanagan Centre at least twenty-two Japanese were found to be living there without any permit to be in this area at all. His committee on Friday of last week had sent a list of 94 Japanese to the B.C. Security Commission asking that they be removed from the area at once, as they had no right to be here. His request was assured from the Commission that action would be taken at once.

No More Than Last Winter  
Mr. Hughes-Games stated that the local committee was not permitting any farmer to retain Japanese of a greater number than he had last winter. In addition, a number of hothouse operators or dairy farmers, who last year needed Japanese, had now found other labor and these Japanese would be removed from this district.

## Adjustments Made in Teachers Salaries By Kamloops Board

KAMLOOPS, Dec. 15.—Adjustments in teachers' salary schedules were made by the school board at its December meeting and these were forwarded to the City Teachers' Association for approval.

Both the minimum and maximum in the elementary schools were raised by \$100 per annum. The minimum in the junior high school was also raised \$100. The annual increment was increased from \$50 to \$60.

The secretary was instructed to write all school boards in the territory around Kamloops asking their co-operation in securing increased educational facilities at this centre.

Attendance On Up Grade  
Indicative of the increase in the number of pupils attending the Kamloops Junior-Senior High was the report submitted by Principal W. H. Gurney. The enrolment in November was 545, 30 more than November last year. The average attendance last month of 229.01 or 91.56 per cent.

Mr. Gurney told the board that Inspector Jones had completed his annual inspection of the industrial arts section of the high school and had stated that the amount of space allotted should be added to at once. It was stated that three times the present industrial arts floor space would not be sufficient.

Principal G. Bowyer reported an enrolment at the Stuart Wood School of 240 with an average attendance last month of 229.01 or 91.56 per cent.  
Enrolment at the Lloyd George School was 234, stated Principal R. K. Bell with an average attendance of 213.73 or 91.34 per cent.

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## A Legend of the Mistletoe Bough

It is said that when enemies meet under the mistletoe bough they are supposed to lay down their arms for at least a 24 hours truce. That is why a hostess tries to hang some mistletoe near the doorway of her home, thus assuring perfect harmony while her guests are under her roof.

The Druids held the mistletoe bough sacred. It was also considered a symbol of an invitation to the spirits of the forest to come in and bring good cheer. The custom of kissing under the mistletoe dates back to ancient Britain. To bring the best type of luck to the one kissed, it is claimed that the bough must be cut with a golden knife.

## Sawmill Property Mooted as Kelowna Civic Centre Site

KELOWNA, Dec. 18.—The Kelowna City Council has gone on record as approving the recommendation of the Kelowna Civic Centre Committee that the city acquire the old Kelowna Sawmill property between Water and Ellis Streets from S. M. Simpson Ltd., to be used for the erection of civic centre buildings during the post-war period. The purchase price for the 7.52 acres, one and a half block north of Bernard Avenue, is \$30,000.

The price was arrived at by a committee of the City Council and Mr. Simpson. It is considerably less than the actual value of the property, it is said, and in the purchase, if made, Mr. Simpson inserts the rider that the property must be used for community purposes.



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## Christmas Concert at Lavington Draws Crowd

LAVINGTON, Dec. 18.—There was a packed "house" on Wednesday evening of last week when the Lavington school pupils entertained parents and friends with their annual Christmas Tree and Concert. Visitors were lined up around the walls when no more seating accommodation could be secured.

Santa Claus arrived in time to hand gifts to each child, as well as goodie, oranges, grapes and candy. Refreshments were served afterwards in the school basement, and a silver collection taken, resulting in a nice sum to be handed over to the Cross Society. The program was:

Recitation, Charlene Drage; George Kowalchuk; song, Mary Macarenko; Polly Koyachuk; Shelia Graham, Victoria Kozoris, Jeanette Noble, Mary Firman; recitation, Patsy Hodowansky; song, Allan Dawe and Jimmy Hood with guitars; reading, Fred Schultz; play, "A Great Catastrophe," Harvey Smith, Lord Longway, Dan Kazimirechuk, Neil Johnson, Walter Zenchuck; song, Allan Dawe, Jimmy Hood with guitars, I. Dawe with accordion; reading, W. J. Graham; play, "Sambo's Party," Harry Smith; Lord Longway, Neil Johnson, Dan Kazimirechuk, Allan Richardson, John Firman, Beverly Brett, Lily Richardson, Joan Brett, Mary Firman; Polly Kowalchuk, Victoria Kozoris; reading, Mrs. I. Seibel; song, Allan Dawe, Jimmy Hood; recitation, Lily Firman.

Community singing, conducted by R. Johnson of Vernon. Christmas carols.

Mrs. Jim Davis left on Friday of last week to spend a few weeks with her daughter Sharon, who is also visiting relatives at New Westminster.

George Harasem returned last week from a fortnight's holiday spent at his old home at Glendon, Alta.

Allan Dawe left on Friday to spend Christmas and New Year at the Coast. He will visit his sister, Miss Myra Dawe, who is nurse in training at the Royal Columbian Hospital.

The first of Britain's war brides to arrive in this district is expected sometime during this week. She is Mrs. "Bill" Kirk of Greenock, Scotland, wife of S.P.O. "Bill" Kirk, R.C. N.V.R., who has recently seen action on the Normandy coast on H.M.S. "Algonquin."

Mrs. Roy Kirk expects to leave this week to meet her daughter-in-law, en route to Vernon. She will make her home in Lavington for the duration.

A cable has also been received from H. Gallas, who is returning on the same boat from overseas duty.

At the recent Red Cross meeting, officers were elected as follows: Mrs. Michael Freeman, president; Mrs. C. D. Cohen, secretary; Mrs. A. Wiedeman, secretary-treasurer; Miss Mary Jackson, Mrs. Roy Kirk, purchasing committee. For the time being it was arranged that the members will meet at the various homes for Red Cross work. Last week the members met at the home of Mrs. Lucien Wiedeman.

The hunting season closed on Friday last and a record number of "bucks" have been shot in this district, many more than usual. Most of the hunters around are quite satisfied having obtained their limit. Last year the hunting was not so good.

Cpl. Arthur Hill has returned to Chilliwack this week.

Unusual Case Heard By Conciliation Board in Kelowna

First case in Canada of organized agriculture vs. organized labor heard by the conciliation board, was heard in Kelowna at the end of last week. The conciliation board was headed by Dean F. M. Olenick, chairman, with W. E. Hinkins, representing Federated Shipmen and Boatmen's Union, M. M. the union employees.

For the past two years 10 packing houses in the Valley have had contracts with labor unions. There are only 12 packing houses or co-operatives in the Valley where labor is not organized. Employers and employees have failed to agree on one phase of the new agreement which is the one that has to do with the Union Shop and the Check-off. When no agreement could be reached the matter was referred to a conciliation board.

Ten witnesses were called representing employers and employees. The board heard the case for a check-off and union shop throughout the sixteen packing houses in the Valley.

Armstrong Soldier Keeps His Head in 'Tight Spots'

WITH THE CANADIAN ARMY IN ITALY—Private Henry Robert Foulis of Armstrong, B.C., has recently been promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal. This is his first step up the ladder of military success but the change he has in his reaction and the officers above him are all high in praise of his coolness and quick action when in a tight spot.

Now serving in Italy with the Prince's Own Canadian Light Infantry.

## City Kiddies Asked To Give Santa Claus A Hand This Season

Yes, he is having his troubles like the rest of us: Shortage of materials, priorities on this and that make the kind old gentleman's task a little harder with each succeeding year of war.

This Christmas a special problem has to be solved. Coins of all sizes and denominations are getting scarcer, and merchants and business men find it harder and harder to provide the necessary small change to look after the usual increase in the holiday trade.

Managers of the three local bank branches, in commenting on the situation, suggested that one of the ways whereby Santa's chief beneficiaries could help would be to open their dime banks and bring the contents into the bank and exchange their coppers, nickels, dimes and quarters for paper currency.

Discharged veterans may wear their uniforms for 30 days after leaving the service or any time after that if they are granted permission by a commanding officer.

## "Serving Agriculture with Chemistry"

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FERTILIZER DIVISION

## Charges For Holiday Meals Must Conform With Regulations

The services administration of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board points out that restaurants, hotels or other public catering establishments may not lawfully charge for meals, refreshments or beverages during the Christmas and New Year's season, prices which are in excess of their legal rates.

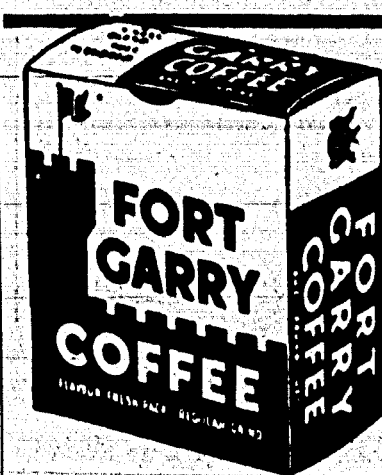
Exceptions are made in the case of caterers who provide special luncheons or dinners at Christmas or New Year's at a charge higher than regular meals, provided that such operators did so in the 1941-1942 holiday week. In such cases restaurants may charge a similar price.

However, even when it is permissible to serve these special luncheons or dinners the operator must also offer his meals from the regular menu at the lawful prices.

Mayor George R. Williams Re-elected in Kamloops

Mayor George R. Williams has been returned by acclamation for another term as Kamloops' chief magistrate. This will be his fourth term as mayor and his nineteenth year on the city council.

The three retiring school trustees were returned by acclamation for another two-year term. They are John F. Mobley, George Slater and C. Williams.



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Second in a series of three announcements describing the various services of the Board.

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Public Health Engineering and Environmental Sanitation include all matters pertaining to health which are influenced by the environment in which people live. These include:

1. Advice and supervision of public and private water supplies.
2. Sewage disposal and treatment.
3. Milk and all phases of other food supplies.
4. Restaurants and eating establishments.
5. Many problems in connection with garbage disposal.
6. Certain public health phases of buildings, including lighting, heating, ventilation, etc.
7. Lumber, mining and other camps where men are employed.
8. Many other problems too numerous to mention.
9. Again the service is advisory and consultative in most instances to aid the local health services in meeting their problems in the respective fields outlined. This Division, unfortunately, has been greatly over-worked due to the shortage of trained personnel during the war, but recently a Consultant in Food and Milk Control has been added to the staff and a Sanitary Inspector to assist in the problems involving camps, canneries, etc.

5. Tuberculosis hospital service which includes hospitals at Tranquille, Vancouver and Victoria.

6. A temporary hospital of seventy beds is being built to provide hospitalization until such time as a permanent modern up-to-date hospital of five hundred beds can be constructed.

7. Consultative and advisory service available to local health departments, to physicians, and to local hospitals and other professional groups.

8. Specialized public health nursing, social service, occupational and vocational therapy and certain phases of rehabilitation are all part of this Division's services.

### DIVISION OF VENEREAL DISEASE CONTROL

The Division of Venereal Disease Control of the Provincial Board of Health of British Columbia is the most outstanding in Canada, even on the North American continent. The program of this Division has been used as a model and stimulant to the rest of Canada as a guide in developing effective venereal disease control programs. Though the results are very gratifying there is still, as in all other specialties of public health, need for further advancement to properly control the venereal disease problems.

The services of this Division correspond to those of Tuberculosis in many respects, except that there is no extensive hospitalization program. Those include:

1. Diagnostic and treatment clinics, located in the larger centers.
2. Associated clinics operated by local health services with funds provided by the Division of Venereal Disease Control.
3. Free drugs for all physicians, clinics, hospitals and health departments for the treatment of all cases of venereal disease. This assists in keeping the cost of venereal disease treatment through practicing physicians at a reasonable level.
4. Consultative and advisory services for health departments, physicians, hospitals, nurses, etc.
5. Social service and public health nursing consultative and specialized facilities.
6. Public health education on venereal disease control.
7. A rapid treatment center of the type developed in various parts of the continent is now being planned for the treatment of persons suffering from venereal disease.

### DIVISION OF TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL

The Division of Tuberculosis Control is responsible for the technical phases of the Control of Tuberculosis on a provincial level. Those services are only fully effective with the closest co-operation of the local health agencies in organizing a program in connection with the X-raying of all persons, and the finding of cases with the control of contacts to active cases of tuberculosis as well as the supervision of tuberculosis cases in their homes and in other communities. The services of the Division include the following:

1. Four Travelling Diagnostic Clinics covering the entire province.
2. Two Travelling Survey Clinics in buses which are used to examine the chests of those engaged in war and other industries.
3. A stationary survey clinic in the Vancouver area.
4. Three stationary diagnostic and treatment clinics.

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### J. Pettigrew Elected As Mayor of Kelowna

The civic elections in Kelowna resulted in J. Pettigrew being elected by acclamation as Mayor, replacing G. A. McKay, who is retiring. The following were elected by acclamation for a period of two years: as Aldermen: Dr. C. D. Newby; J. J. Ladd and W. B. Hughes-Games. G. D. Herbert with a majority of 49 votes defeated

E. A. Murchison for a one year period, filling the unexpired balance of the aldermanic term vacated by Mayor Pettigrew when he decided to accept the mayoralty. Elected by acclamation to the Board of School Trustees were David Chapman and Mrs. T. Treadgold. The vacancy on the School Board caused by failure to nominate a successor to O. T. Hubbard who declined nomination for another term, will be filled by appointment.

### Armstrong C.G.I.T. Fetes Grandmothers

ARMSTRONG, Dec. 19. — On Tuesday afternoon, December 12, "Our Grandmothers" were entertained by the Canadian Girls in Training in a Christmas atmosphere at the Parsonage. An enjoyable get-together was held, and after tea was served by the girls, each grandmother received a gift from her grand-daughter.

## A Friendly Chat

By Conlin Rosemary

When Christmas Day dawns next Monday one thousand, nine hundred and nineteen days of this war will have run their course. It is not a happy record; it is not a total upon which we can look with pride. It is a record of the thoughts of our hearts that in the words of "Tiny Tim, who will never die, nor grow old."

"God bless us—every one."

Reason To Be Glad While it cannot be a Merry Christmas in the old sense, there is much more reason for gladness this year than in some of the Christmases we have known in the cycle of five since we went to war.

To be merry, the dictionary says, is to be full of mirth and good humor, gay, sportive, jovial, pleasant. The gay light-heartedness with which we have been accustomed to greet the Christmas season is scarcely fitted to carry fighting a war for its very life, its institutions, its future. But that light-hearted Christmas revelry is not, after all, the essential thing about Christmas.

Since that night in Bethlehem, a thousand years have mangled and crucified humanity. Yet is Christmas forgotten? The ancient promise of good will towards men will come again to the surface to light the glory of the Lord shone down on world once more, just as when the shivering shepherds in old Judea.

To All—Greetings For more than seven years this column has made for me an increasing list of friends. Enemies too; but so far, I have only heard from the friends. To all of you a Happy Christmas. In all our hearts is the same prayer: victory, a just and lasting peace and the return of our dear ones.

When I was a small girl, Yuletide was inevitably linked with the

Prepare Now for Storage of Ice

Before the severe weather of winter sets in is the time to make plans for the winter ice crop. There are three common methods of storing ice during the winter months on the farm—a rough board enclosure, a more elaborate insulated ice-house, and the ice well. As a means of preserving ice for household use, the ice well has no advantage over the rough shed so far as the storage of ice goes, but it does provide facilities for holding milk and cream and other articles of food between the top of the covered ice and the edge of the well when a supply of ice cut from a creek or pond is not available. Concerning milk and cream, it is important that any milk or cream spilled in the well should be cleaned up immediately in order to prevent odours that would offset any benefit from cooling.

About 12 Feet Deep The bottom of the well should be dry and porous, otherwise it must be well drained. It is a good plan to bore four holes four or five feet deep in the bottom of the well, with a 6-inch test auger. The ice well should be about 12 feet deep and the larger the diameter is, the greater amount of ice the well will hold. A well, six feet in diameter and filled six feet in depth of ice, will hold about four tons.

Any unoccupied corner of a shed will serve as the site of a rough board enclosure. An enclosure ten feet square and eight feet high will hold enough ice to provide 50 pounds per day in the summer for 30 days immediately for a reasonable amount of wastage. The bottom of the enclosure should be covered with about one foot of sawdust. In putting in the ice, the boards on one side of the enclosure can be removed and replaced after the ice is in position.

Allow For Wastage For the more elaborate insulated icehouse, which must be built to specifications, it is estimated that one cubic foot of space is required for each ton of ice to be stored. At least 25 per cent should be allowed for wastage. There are several other important details regarding the various methods of storing ice. These are given with specifications drawn to scale in publication 548 "Simple Methods of Storing Ice", issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. This publication will be sent free on request.

Miss Ida Adams Dies Suddenly

For many friends in Vernon heard this week with deep regret of the death of Miss Ida Barbara Adams, which occurred at Castlegar on Monday, December 10. Miss Adams had arrived at Castlegar the preceding Saturday from Vancouver, where she resides, to spend Christmas with her twin sister, Mrs. W. Houston.

Miss Adams was born in Nova Scotia, but had lived in Armstrong and Vernon for 30 years. She was a member of the Vernon branch of the Bank of Montreal staff, until two years ago when she moved to Vancouver. Miss Adams was an active member of the United Church and a Past-Matron of Foster Chapter, Order Eastern Star. She was a member of the Vernon Business and Professional Women's Club.

Funeral services will be held at Castlegar. She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. W. Houston of Castlegar, Mrs. E. Baillie of Vancouver, and Mrs. T. Drew of Vernon.

Panfiction Airman Commands Edmonton Mosquito Squadron

PANFICTION, Dec. 19.—Wing-Commander Jack Wilkett, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wilkett, of Edmonton, is commanding officer of the famous City of Edmonton Mosquito Squadron of the R.C.A.F. He succeeded Russell Hamlock, of Toronto, and Edmonton, who was a fine destroyer of flying bombs.

### Sacred Heart Church

Lumby, B.C.  
Father Andrews, Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 24  
Mass will be held as usual 9 and 10:30 a.m.  
Christmas Day  
Midnight Mass Christmas morning, 12 to 1 a.m.  
Mass 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Confessions will be heard on Sunday evening, commencing at 10 p.m.

### Services for the Week in Vernon's Churches

THE SALVATION ARMY  
CAPT. & MRS. FRANK H. PIERCE  
Sunday, Dec. 24, 1944  
Special Christmas Services  
11:00 a.m.—Subject: "Good Tidings of Great Joy."  
2:30 p.m.—Sunday School (Illustrated Christmas Story).  
7:30 p.m.—Subject: "Back to Bethlehem."  
Sunday School Christmas Program, Thursday, Dec. 28th, at 8 p.m.  
Once again the "Jingle of the bells" is heard on the street and the old familiar kettle is to be seen, thus enabling The Salvation Army to carry on its Christmas and winter relief work. Captain Pierce wishes to thank those who so generously help in this cause.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH  
Canon H. C. D. Gibson, M.A., R.D., Rector  
Sunday (Christmas Eve)  
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
10 a.m.—Children's Service.  
11 a.m.—Matins and Communion.  
7:30 p.m.—Carol Service.  
11:15 p.m.—Midnight Holy Communion.  
11 a.m.—Lumby Service.  
Christmas Day  
7 a.m.—No Communion Service.  
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
11 a.m.—Matins and Communion (sung).  
4:45 p.m.—Evangelism (said).  
Tuesday (St. Stephen)  
10 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
7:30 p.m.—Evangelism & Intercessions (sung).  
Wednesday (St. John)  
10 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
Thursday (Holy Innocents)  
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
11 a.m.—Matins and Communion.  
Thursday—2:30 p.m.—Prayer.  
Friday—6 p.m.—Main School.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Phone 1441.  
Rev. D. J. Rawland, Pastor  
Miss Julia L. Reekie, Organist  
Thursday, Dec. 21 (tonight)  
6 p.m.—Sunday School Supper.  
8 p.m.—Children's Christmas Tree and program.  
Sunday, Dec. 24, 1944  
(Christmas Services)  
11 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.  
7:30 p.m.—Christmas Church Service. Subject of sermon: "Emmanuel." (Messages and Music appropriate to the Day).  
Sunday Evening, Dec. 31st—Baptism Service.  
Monday  
4 p.m.—Meeting of Junior Girls in Church Parlor.  
7 p.m.—Trail Rangers, boys over 10, in Church Parlor.  
8 p.m.—R.Y.P.U. in Church Auditorium.  
Wednesday  
8 p.m.—Community Prayer Meeting.

EMMANUEL CHURCH  
Regular Baptist  
11 Schubert, 2 Bika, North of P.O.  
Rev. E. J. V. 1939, Pastor  
311 8th St. North—Phone 14313  
Thursday  
8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.  
Friday  
7 p.m.—Happy Hour.  
8 p.m.—Young People.  
Young People in the Pastor's Home  
Sunday, Dec. 24, 1944  
10:45 a.m.—Sunday School.  
7:15 p.m.—Church Service.  
Monday, Dec. 25, 1944  
7 p.m.—Int. Young People, Pastor's home.

CHURCH OF GOD  
Rev. W. Wright, Pastor, Phone 3891.5  
Services conducted in Women's Institute Hall  
Sunday, Dec. 24, 1944  
10:30 a.m.—A United Christmas Service.  
7:30 p.m.—Christmas Carol Service. A kindly welcome extended.

VERNON UNITED CHURCH  
Rev. Jenkin H. Davies, B.A., B.D., L.L.B., Ph.D., Minister  
Sunday, Dec. 24, 1944  
11 a.m.—Morning Worship, Christmas Service.  
2:30 p.m.—Sunday School, with open session. White Gift Service and Passages. Parents and friends invited.  
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service. Annual Candle Lighting Service, with full musical program by the Choir.  
N.B.—Sunday Evening Social Hour discontinued for two Sundays.

ELIM TABERNACLE  
(P.A.O.C.)  
34 Mara Ave.  
Rev. R. J. White, Pastor  
Sunday, Dec. 24, 1944  
10 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.  
11 a.m.—Worship Service, Christmas Sermon subject: "The Peace Giver and the Peace Breakers."  
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service. Sermon subject: "Christmas Ubi-que-Christ."  
Tuesday  
8 p.m.—Young People Service.  
Friday  
8 p.m.—Bible Study and Prayer Service.  
We wish one and all happiness and holiness, at this season and throughout the coming year.

ST. JOHN'S  
Rev. C. O. Jannow, Pastor  
307 Mara Ave.  
Sunday, Dec. 24, 1944  
10:30 a.m.—Morning Service.  
7:30 p.m.—Children's Service with Holy Communion.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Burns Hall  
Corner of Schubert and 8th.  
Minister: Rev. N. H. Johnson  
Church Elder—E. Schell  
Every Saturday  
10 a.m.—Sabbath School.  
11:30 a.m.—Morning Service.  
3:30 p.m.—Young People's Meeting.  
Wednesday  
8:00 p.m.—Prayer Service.  
A warm welcome awaits you here.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES  
are held in  
The Supper Room  
SCOUT HALL  
Sunday Mornings at 11 o'clock.  
KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Minister: Rev. Stanley Vance, B.A.  
Phone 237 - Vernon, B.C.  
Sunday, Dec. 24, 1944  
2:30 p.m.—Sunday School. Please note change of time from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service.

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GOOD WISHES  
for a  
holiday season  
filled with joy.  
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200 STORY BOOKS FOR TOTS ..... 20c  
MEN'S LOVELY SILK TIES ..... 59c - 65c - \$1.00  
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METAL WAGONS, RUBBER TIRES, 15" LONG ..... \$1.75  
LADIES BOXED HANDKERCHIEFS ..... Box 35c  
CHILDREN'S PLASTIC TEA SETS ..... 59c  
SLEIGHTS WITH METAL RUNNERS ..... 95c to \$1.95  
STEEL WHEEL BARROWS ..... \$1.69  
BAGS OF BLOCKS ..... Bag 49c  
(These Blocks are painted with food coloring)  
100 PR. OF LADIES RAYON SATIN SLIPPERS ..... Pr. \$1.00  
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# OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

## Revised Requirements for Red Cross Shipments to Civilians and Servicemen

All Red Cross workers are asked by Mrs. H. A. Ramsden, Provincial chairman, Women's War Work Committee, to adhere strictly to the articles required by the 1944 quotas. She is asking that every possible means be taken to complete these quotas as early as possible, so that an early start may be made on 1945 requirements.

This request is made to Vernon Red Cross workers through Mrs. F. C. deWolf, to whom the letter is addressed.

Enclosed in the letter, released to The Vernon News this week, is a bulletin from Mrs. C. McEachren, chairman women's War Work Committee, from London, England. She asks that the information contained therein be made available to all divisions.

"Three things only will I mention," writes Mrs. McEachren referring to conditions overseas; "the unbounded gratitude of the British people—for the beautifully made clothing and quilts which we send to them; the courageous and wonderful service which the women here, including the Corps girls, have rendered in the distribution of our goods through the Air Raids; and more recently, the Robot Bomb raid; and the imperative necessity of our doing everything in our power to make their task as easy as possible."

A Few "Stop" Orders

The bulletin issues some "Stop" orders, which does not mean that articles which are under the "Stop" list will ultimately be useless, but that they must be held by the Divisions until further notice. These orders are caused by two things, first, in the civilian garments by the fact that people in Great Britain are being served at present who have to expend coupons for what they receive and who will not use them for something of a type which does not fill their needs. Shortage of space is a major factor in this order, due to England

## The Holiday

Of holidays, Christmas time is best. It provides the yule log, and welcome guest, while poinsettias, bright and red, flare from linen where the feast is spread; Poinsettias, the petals of which glow, Long after footprints have gone with the snow.

GEDALIA ALICE ERAUT, Penticton.

## Jolly Party For S-17 Sergeants At Hostess House

Some of the sergeants from S-17, Canadian School of Infantry, were entertained at the Hostess House on Wednesday evening of last week. The party was arranged by Mrs. E. G. Robertson, hostess, and Mrs. C. M. Thomson, associate. Hostesses were arranged for and the company numbered 75 all told. Dancing was interspersed with musical numbers. Sgt. Lancaster playing the violin, with Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. Robertson, associate, OWAC, playing the piano. Coffee and refreshments were served later in the evening.

The first horse brought to Canada, arrived at Quebec in 1647.

## Christmas Party For Vernon Business And Professional Women

As the vanguard of the Christmas season, the Vernon Business and Professional Women's Club held their annual Christmas party on Monday, December 11, in the National Hotel.

Club members had decorated the tables with tiny trimmed Christmas trees, and each place was marked with a "parasoil" as a place card. At one end of the room was a large decorated tree, containing a gift for each member, and for several guests who attended.

Miss Nancy Jermyn presided, and welcomed the guests. Miss Alice Stevens gave an interesting talk on her recent trip to the prairies, being entertained by branches of the Business and Professional Women's Clubs in several centres. The singing of carols concluded the evening, which was also the regular December meeting.

## For the Bride..

Miss Joan Montague whose marriage will take place in the near future, was guest of honor at a surprise shower given recently by a number of friends. The shower was held at the home of Mrs. J. Montague and gifts were arranged in a large Christmas cracker in red, decorated with a Navy motif. Miss Montague received many lovely gifts.

## Weddings

WINFIELD, Dec. 19.—A wedding of local interest was solemnized at the Japanese United Church, Kelowna, on Monday morning, December 11, when Chiyoiko Shishido, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Shishido, of Winfield, became the bride of A. Shishido of Vernon.

The bride looked lovely in a gown of white brocade satin, with halo headpiece and flowing veil. She carried an arm bouquet of red and yellow roses. Her bridesmaid, Miss Eileen Brown of Vernon, was charming in white sheer.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, after which the couple left for Penticton, where they spent the honeymoon. For travelling the bride donned a gold dress, with a beige top coat and black accessories.

## Stagette Club Thanked For Clothing Sent to England

Miss Nancy Bowen, new president of the Vernon Stagette Club, following the marriage early in December, of Miss "Toody" Hudson, now Mrs. Marjory Watts, has released to The Vernon News several letters received from the Old Country. These express thanks for children's clothing and other items sent by the Stagette Club to the Maidstone Street School in London's East End for bombed out kiddies.

Excerpts from these letters, numbering 12, will be published in next week's edition of The Vernon News. Members of the Stagette Club are selling holly on Vernon street corners on Saturday, December 23. Proceeds as in former years, are for Club projects.

## BEST WISHES

for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

MAYFAIR BEAUTY SALON

## ON THE AIR AGAIN

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## Installation of New Slate Officers Legion W.A. Soon

The installation of 1945 slate of officers of the Women's Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion will take place on Thursday, January 4, when annual reports will be read. A good attendance is requested, that all members may be familiar with the Legion's activities during the year just drawing to a close.

A Whist and Cribbage drive held on Thursday, December 14, proved a very popular event. This was convened by Mrs. E. Verkirk, assisted by a committee comprised of Mrs. H. W. Knight, Mrs. J. Kermod and Mrs. E. Shute.

After the usual number of games were played, the winners and runners-up of both whist and crib played a handicap game to prove who could play under difficulties. Mrs. Kermod put a bag on each of the two tables, which, when opened, were found to contain woolen mitts for each of the players, to be worn while playing. This procedure caused much merriment, and the winners of cribbage were: F. C. Watson, (playing as a lady); second lady, Mrs. A. Gallichan; second gentleman, A. W. Bailey; R. Shaver, (playing lady).

For whist, players were: first lady, Mrs. Sandgren; second lady, Mrs. W. Wilkin; first gentleman, Mrs. E. May, (playing gentleman); second gentleman, R. S. M. Ross, Midland Regiment.

A Christmas cake, made by Mrs. E. May with materials donated by Mrs. Danielson, was drawn for, the

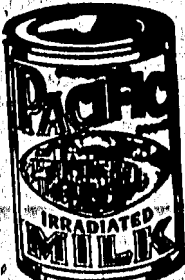
## Popular Armstrong Couple Wed 35 Years

ARMSTRONG, Dec. 19.—Having signed up to enjoy the evening with such relatives as were able to be present at their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary on Friday, December 15, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Shopherd were very surprised about 8:15 p.m. when they answered the rattle bell to find a group of friends waiting to express their congratulations and best wishes, and to assist in the celebration.

During the evening, "Lost" advertisements were written describing the bride and groom of 35 years, which caused much merriment when read. After refreshments had been served by two daughters-in-law, Mrs. J. D. Shopherd and Mrs. Charles Shopherd, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles Hill, a toast to the couple was proposed by Rev. R. J. Love.

A cake, appropriately decorated for the occasion was cut by the bride and groom.

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Dill Pickles .....lb. 25c  
No. 1 Side Bacon (pce.) lb. 44c  
Cooked Ham .....1/2-lb. 34c  
Bologna .....lb. 19c  
Fresh Hamburger .....lb. 21c  
Chuck Roast Beef .....lb. 23c

Pure Pork Sausages .....2 lbs. 49c  
Leg of Lamb .....lb. 43c  
Picnic Shoulders .....lb. 25c  
Cottage Rolls .....lb. 42c  
Smoked Hams, Tenderized—  
Whole or Half .....lb. 39c



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ORANGES .....5 Lbs. 49c  
Napels .....Lb. 27c  
GRAPES .....Lb. 27c  
Emperors .....Lb. 27c  
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Texas Pink .....Lb. 15c  
LEMONS .....Lb. 15c  
Juley .....Lb. 20c  
CAULIFLOWER .....Lb. 20c  
Snow White .....Lb. 26c  
BRUSSEL SPROUTS .....Lb. 26c  
Fresh, Clean .....2 Lbs. 21c  
SWEET POTATOES .....3 Lbs. 10c  
Medium Size .....10 Lbs. 22c  
ONIONS .....10 Lbs. 22c  
Firm, Dry .....10 Lbs. 22c  
POTATOES .....10 Lbs. 22c  
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4 Lbs. 25c

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In Shell  
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Berryland Choice  
PEACHES 20-oz. can .....19c  
Restoval Choice Cut  
GREEN BEANS 20-oz. can .....2 for 25c  
Sugarbelle Choice  
PEAS 16-oz. can .....2 for 29c  
Sunrype  
APPLE JUICE 20-oz. can .....2 for 27c  
Aylmer Fancy  
PUMPKIN 28-oz. can .....2 for 29c  
Kalm  
TOMATO SOUP 10-oz. can .....3 for 27c  
Nagle Fancy  
LOBSTER 6-oz. can .....60c  
Favoy  
CUSTARD POWDER 10-oz. tin .....28c  
Old English  
GINGER WINE 20-oz. bottle .....54c

## TOMATO JUICE

Libby's Fancy  
20-oz. can. Each 11c

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Kraft Miracle Whip, 8-oz. jar .....19c  
Best Foods Mayonnaise, 8-oz. jar .....21c

## CHEESE

Kraft plain .....1/2 lb. 20c  
Chateau plain .....1/2 lb. 20c  
Chateau pimento .....1/2 lb. 20c

★ EDWARDS COFFEE Whole roast, 1-lb. bag .....35c  
★ RIPE OLIVES Sun Valley, jumbo pack, First tin .....40c  
★ BREAD Wrapped, 16-oz. loaf .....6c  
★ BEEFSTEAK SAUCE Heinz, 8-oz. bottle .....27c  
★ PICKLED WALNUTS V. F. Brand, White stock taste, 12-oz. jar .....36c

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## Bus Service to Coast in 1945

Relaxation of wartime regulations will make it possible for Okanagan Valley residents to travel from Vernon to Vancouver by bus, commencing early in the New Year.

An announcement was made this week that the B.C. Greyhound Lines will run a bus from Kamloops to Vancouver early in 1945, the exact date of which has not been announced, although it is thought it will be in the first or second week.

The regular bus will carry passengers from any point in the Okanagan through to Kamloops on the current run, from where they will take the Coast bound bus.

The company was forced to give up the Vancouver run when travelling regulations were tightened at the beginning of the war. The service has been complete through the Okanagan since that date except for a few curtailments.

## Interest Increasing in Vernon's First '45 Baby

The announcement made last week that a number of Vernon businessmen were intending to sponsor the first baby born in this city in 1945 has created much interest locally.

It is not too much to say that Vernon pioneers in this regard in the whole of British Columbia, in that the first baby born here is to receive gifts and congratulations from a group of prominent merchants and others, headed by the City Council.

The significance which is attached to this city to the coming into the world of the little stranger at this period of history is to be fittingly marked. The infant will have an auspicious start in life, and is already being called Vernon's number one citizen of the bright New Year.

The City of Vernon has assured that the baby will be born "with a silver spoon in his mouth." In other words, their congratulations come in a practical form, that of a \$10 War Savings Certificate.

Other firms entering into the scheme are Nolan Drug and Book Company Limited; Vernon Steam Laundry and Zoric Cleaners Limited; F. B. Jacques and Son; Hudson's Bay Company Vernon Store;

Kermode's Studio; National Cafe and Nick's Kandy Kitchen, and the Okanagan Valley Co-operative Creamery Association.

Beautiful and practical gifts from these firms, amounting to approximately \$100 will greet Vernon's 1945 baby.

World events are marching with lightning rapidity. The war is approaching a climax when tyranny and oppression will be banished from the earth. It is expected that 1945 will see the struggle in Europe brought to a victorious conclusion. The significance, therefore, of being connected with this auspicious year can readily be seen.

During his or her lifetime, the baby's birth will be synonymous with the greatest victory of all time.

## Love, Goodwill Basis of World Peace, Rotary Club Here Told by Minister

Only understanding tolerance and good will among men can bring about true world peace according to T. Stewart Brand, Wartime Minister of Christian Science, who spoke to members of the Vernon Rotary Club on Monday.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," he declared.

The title of Mr. Brand's address was "Camp Welfare," of the Christian Science organization. "Our aim is carry the teachings of Christian Science into the service camps for those who desire it," he said, "and our work is to promote tolerance, understanding and good will among men."

The organization is worldwide, he declared, with representation in all Allied countries and where ever the English tongue is spoken.

"Our purpose is also to maintain spiritual welfare and keep servicemen and women in touch with their religion until they return to civilian life," he declared. "We do this for those who desire it," he declared; "for those who feel they need enlightenment and more knowledge of God."

He pointed out that the Christian Science group co-operates to the fullest extent with army chaplains of every religious creed and does not force the Christian Science doctrine on anyone who does not feel they want it. Mr. Brand quoted statements of

such international figures as General Smuts, Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery and others, from which he predicted that there is a greater trend now than ever towards tolerance.

"We do a type of protective work in which all Christians can participate," he declared as he urged his audience and everyone on the "home front" to give it thought and endeavor to assist.

He spoke of the contributions of the "Mother Church" to the Christian Science organization, mentioning its donation of 2,000,000 garments for refugees and others suffering from the direct effect of the war.

Financially he said the contribution was \$2,377,944 of which \$1,770,000 went to relief work in the United Kingdom and the remainder in countries overrun by the Huns. The latter effort, he said, will be increased as the liberation of Europe progresses.

America, Britain and Canada have a great job to do in filling the needs of occupied countries after victory," he declared, "and they must unite to regenerate and rehabilitate these nations and their people."

Mr. Brand is the Christian Science wartime minister for B.C., Alberta, Yukon and Alaska.

## Dismissal of Unusual Case

James Drossos, Vernon cafe owner, appeared before Magistrate William Morley in City Police Court on Monday, charged with making statements prejudicial to the efficient prosecution of the war effort. The charge, laid under the Defense of Canada Regulations, was dismissed because of the failure of the police prosecutor to prove the regulations in evidence.

The defence was handled by Gordon Lindsay, who made the motion for a dismissal on an oversight in the prosecution's case.

The incident from which the charge arose occurred in the Drossos' cafe on November 25, the day following the uprising of Home Defence troops in this city against the partial conscription order.

Not In Parade

Cpl. J. Gravelle, veteran of overseas duty, with a fellow G.S. man, Pte. D. J. "Scotty" Millward, and a member of the Canadian Intelligence Corps, visited the Drossos' cafe that evening for a cup of coffee, when Gravelle said he heard Drossos ask Pte. Millward why he wasn't in the anti-conscription parade the previous evening.

"Why should I be in the parade?" Pte. Millward was said to have replied.

The cafe owner continued, said Cpl. Gravelle, with the following statement: "If people would stop buying Victory bonds the war would not last long. The reason you are in uniform, Scotty, is because you are a hypochrite."

Further, the evidence quoted him as saying: "If the people with all the money, who are running the war, cared to, they could stop it at any time."

According to Cpl. Gravelle, the restaurant owner recalled the 10 years service he said he had completed in the Greek army. "A sergeant major in the Greek army is a powerful man. If there had been a sergeant major present he could have stopped the H.D. parade in Vernon," Cpl. Gravelle quoted him further.

Could Have Stopped Demonstrations

Under cross examination the corporal said that he interpreted the cafe owner's statement as meaning that a Canadian sergeant major or with the backbone of a Greek soldier of the same rank could have stopped the anti-conscription demonstrations here.

The soldier serving in intelligence told the court that he and the two active service men discussed the incident the following evening. "The men complained of Drossos' remarks and made written statements from which we laid the charge," he said.

The case was dismissed on the motion of defence counsel Gordon Lindsay.

## Word From Occupied Countries Possible Through Red Cross

Every month hundreds of messages arrive in B.C. from people of occupied countries, carried safely through enemy lines by the protection of the Red Cross. This month there have been 300 International Red Cross letters which have been sent to scores of towns and cities in the provinces.

Letters dated between March and May of this year have come from Hong Kong, Shanghai, Thailand, Holland, France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Channel Islands and Hungary, bringing stories of hunger, rising prices, jobs for prisoners and news of families.

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HOLIDAY WISHES  
TO YOU  
AND YOURS

MRS. I. V. SAUDER

Thank you for your support in the recent civic elections; and now

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

C. W. Gaunt-Stevenson

Ald. Elect 1945-46



Season's  
GREETINGS

To our Friends and Customers.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

and

Thanks a Lot  
Folks For Your  
Patronage During  
1944.

Charlie Bertelsen

Plumbing, Heating and Sheet Metal

JOY  
to  
ALL



And the very Merriest Christmas ever. On this day let us pause and give thanks to the boys of our armed services who are protecting our rights to enjoy this and the many more to come.

JOY

COLDSTREAM HOTEL

MR. & MRS. HASKAMP



On Earth Peace to Men of Good Will

With the advent of Christmas this year, these words hold for us an added significance: "Peace to men of good will!"

WE Canadians, whether we fight in the factory or on the farm—in industry or in the armed services; wish peace on earth to men of good will the world

over. We are fighting that the spirit of Christmas shall endure. And we rejoice that this Christmas brings with it the definite promise of freedom for all mankind.

THE HOUSE OF SEAGRAM

A  
Merry  
Christmas



A  
Happy  
New Year

To all my friends and customers,  
Thank you for your patronage during 1944.

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## Christmas Greetings

Many thanks to our customers for your steady support during the past year, and many sincere wishes of the season to all.

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Happy New Year

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## Butter Ration Cut As From January 1

Effective January 1, Canada's butter ration will be cut from two pounds a month to one and one-half pounds. Only three coupons will become valid a month, instead of four. The valid dates for butter coupons next month, will be January 11, coupon 22; January 18, coupon 23; and January 25, coupon 24. These coupons, however, will not expire but will remain good until declared invalid at some future date.

A corresponding cut in the butter ration will be made to restaurants and other public caterers.

## Kelowna, Glenmore Elect Mayor, Reeve by Acclamation

Kelowna's civic affairs during the next year will be under the guidance of James David Pettigrew, who was elected as Mayor by acclamation.

The neighboring municipality of Glenmore did not have an election. S. Pearson was elected as Reeve by acclamation, and G. F. Mowbray and Charles Henderson were named to fill the vacancies on the council, G. H. Mowbray stepping down from the reeve'ship.

When anger rises, think of the consequences—confucius.

## Fire Hazards Greatest in City Homes at Christmas

Fire Chief Fred Little has asked that Vernon people bear in mind the fire hazards connected with Christmas trees and decorations. In different parts of the country disastrous fires occur every year. Many of these fires are caused by hazards which exist only during the holiday season.

When a tree is brought into the house it is going to dry up. At the end of a week it will be almost under dry. The tree can be kept fresh if set up in a pan of water, adding water to the jar or tub in which the tree stands, at intervals to keep the water level always above the cut. This method, many lighted with fresh trees, reduces the danger as effectively as any fire-proofing chemicals.

Another point to remember, said Chief Little, is that the tree should be well away from radiators, and other sources of heat.

When you smoke, keep away from the tree. It should be well secured against falling by inconspicuous wiring. It should be so placed that, standing or fallen, it cannot block a doorway which might be needed to escape from the room.

"The candle for Christmas is still taking its yearly toll of lives and property," said Fire Chief Little. True, he continued, it is found on Christmas trees more rarely every year, but in many country districts the little candle still illuminates the tree, on which are unwisely placed "snow" in the form of cotton batting.

The candle is, however, still used in many places during the Christmas season. Open flame lighting is entirely out of place unless the candles are set up, and lamps placed, well away from Christmas trees, window curtains, and hazardous decorations, he emphasized. Electric light decorations should be in good condition. A short circuit in worn wiring might be sufficient to start the tree burning. If fuses are of proper rating, and lights from a set of outlets will blow them. If this happens, eliminate some of the lights, and replace the blown fuse with another of the same size and rating. An overloaded circuit is extremely dangerous, for fire may start in the walls.

**Decorations Dangerous**  
Decorations constitute a fire hazard of first magnitude. The utmost care is needed, particularly when greenery becomes dry, and when paper chains, bells, etc., are used.

## SCREEN FLASHES

A picture filled with delightful humor and warm drama, "The Canterville Ghost," will be the entertainment headliner at the Empress Theatre on Friday and Saturday, December 22 and 23. A perfect cast has been selected for the film. They include Charles Laughton, Robert Young and little Margaret O'Brien. Other featured movies go in "Journey For Margaret" and "Lost Angel." "The Canterville Ghost" is a story of a ghost, who, because of cowardice in a duel during his life, is forced to roam the broad halls of his English castle for more than 300 years. The story is modernized with scenes depicting the billeting of American Rangers in the old castle during the present war. A fine supporting cast takes part in the film.

All the thrills of Kentucky. All the magnificence of Maryland. A simply wonderful picture. This is the build-up given "Home In Indiana," the film based on the famous journal serial, "The Phantom Filly," which will play at the Capitol on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 25, 26 and 27. Featured in the picture are Walter Brennan, Lon McCallister, Jeanne Crain, Charlotte Greenwood, June Haver, and an outstanding supporting cast. This story which could be called the heart of America, is shown in technicolor. It tells an unusual story of young love set against the background of flashing hoofbeats and pounding hearts in moonlight and the thrills of Grand Circuit racing.

One of the most thrilling mystery films, "Shadows On The Stairs," is first and foremost on a double feature billing at the Empress Theatre today, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 21, 22 and 23. The story of a series of mysterious crimes is told. They take place in what seems to be an ordinary London boarding house. But the people who live there are by no means ordinary. Enough said. The sequences lead to a thrilling climax. The film stars Freddie Innes and Paul Cavanagh are two people who try to solve the peculiar goings-on in the boarding house which Miss Innes owns.

Johnny Downs, Gale Storm and "Freaky Comes Home," with Mantel Moreland in the leading roles, plays as the leading attraction on a double billing for the Empress Theatre on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 23, 24 and 25. The story tells what happens when a young college man returns to his native town and tries to awaken it. First he outwits a gang of smooth-tongued crooks who get away through the town and finally smooths over family feuds that unite him with Gale Storm in the happy ending.

## Safeguard Asked For Vaseaux Lake Road by Interior Boards

PENTICTON, Dec. 18—Unanimous support for a Pentiction resolution asking the provincial government to undertake safety measures on the road around the east side of Vaseaux Lake, where two men were recently drowned, was given at the regular quarterly meeting of the Associated Boards of the Southern Interior held last week in Okanagan.

The resolution called upon the provincial department of public works to realize its responsibility in such matters and to install a strong railing around the danger point. It was pointed out that a number of fatal accidents have occurred on the road.

Support was also given a Summerland resolution calling for the establishment of a blood donor's clinic in the Okanagan Valley.

Twelve R.C.A.F. fighter squadrons formed part of the air protection for the initial operations in the invasion of Normandy.

## U.B.C. Alumni Organized By Former Students in Kamloops

KAMLOOPS, Dec. 18—Twenty-two graduates of the University of British Columbia, now living in Kamloops, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gibb recently to organize a local branch of the Alumni Association.

Desirable objectives of the organization (briefly and broadly, to help further in any way the interests of the University of British Columbia), and possible activities were suggested by Mrs. Gibb.

There followed the election of officers with the following committee being chosen: President, George Holland; vice-president, Mrs. Harry Gibb; secretary, G. A. Luyat; treasurer, R. G. McKee; scribe, J. D. Howard.

UNRRA officials estimate that there are about 130,000,000 Europeans who will require relief.



BEST WISHES TO OUR FRIENDS and CUSTOMERS  
**FELIX GARAGE**

## Have a "Coke"= Merry Christmas



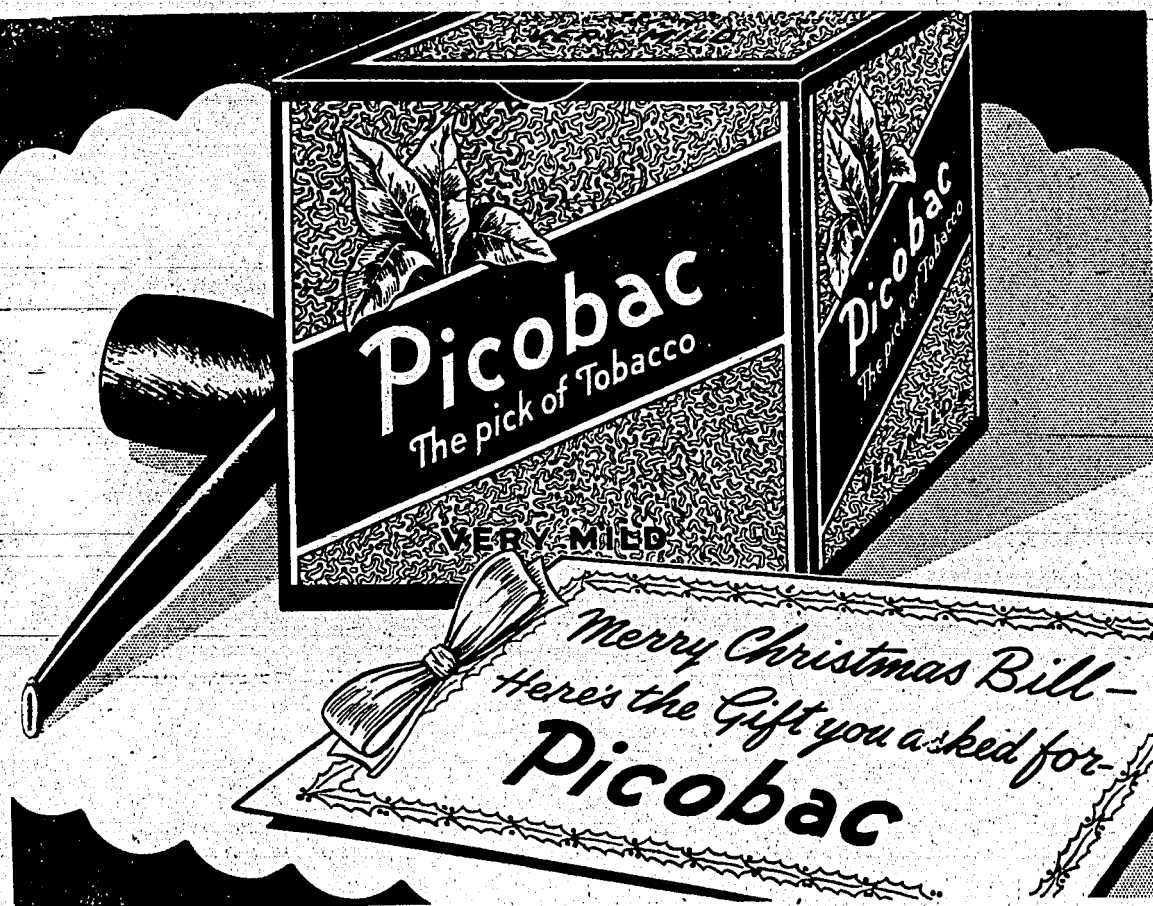
... adding refreshment to holiday cheer

The spirit of good will rules the Christmas season. It's a time to get together with friends and family. There's a whole story of hospitality in the three words *Have a "Coke"*—three words that express a friendly spirit the whole year 'round. Yes, Coca-Cola and the pause that refreshes are everyday symbols of a way of living that takes friendliness for granted.

Authorized Bottlers of "Coca-Cola"  
**MCCULLOCH'S AERATED WATERS**  
Vernon



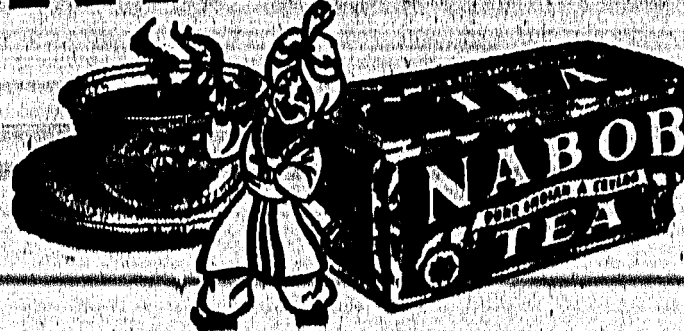
"Coke"=Coca-Cola  
It's natural for popular names to acquire friendly abbreviations. That's why you hear Coca-Cola called "Coke". 517



Travelling throughout the length and breadth of this vast Dominion, Nabob uses every available means of transportation to reach its destination, no matter where it may be. In remote outposts and lonely cabins, especially, Nabob Tea is as welcome as a letter from home, because Nabob is a symbol of civilization, of the essence of fine living—Nabob Tea, a choice blend of the world's finest... tea as it should be.

Tune to Harmony House, CBC Western Network,  
Mondays... 9.30 p.m. Pacific War Time

**NABOB**



# Greetings...

The Governors and Staff of British Columbia Tree Fruits Limited, express sincere greetings to all... with a prayer that 1945 will herald the coming of Peace, and the hastening of the promised era of goodwill to all men.

At the closing of the year, we express our gratitude to all those who contributed in the difficult task of harvesting, packing and shipping the largest crop in the history of our industry.





# A Page of Opinion

## The VERNON NEWS

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### Sixth Wartime Christmas

By REV. DR. JENKIN H. DAVIES

We come to our sixth Christmas celebrated in the midst of war. It seems almost too incongruous to say over again that the message of Christmas is Peace; Peace on earth; goodwill among men. It seems like standing in the middle of a desert and shouting, "Water everywhere." And perchance some pessimists will wax eloquent over the spectacle of any voice crying, "peace on earth" in the midst of a wilderness of war.

Not so many years ago this Okanagan was, for all practical purposes, just a desert. Then came the optimists, the pioneers who make wildernesses into gardens and fruitful valleys. They settled here full of hope. Buoyant in their hope, they planted orchards. And they must have seen the water before they planted, for they did not flinch or fear. Hope budding into courage was their banner. Doubtless they endured many weary years when hope deferred tended to make the heart sick; yet they cherished their hope, earnestly and unremittently.

Hope that is held and nurtured, all contrary appearance notwithstanding, has turned into Faith. Faith moves mountains. Faith brings to pass. For true faith is belief in action. The one way to keep Christmas all the year round is to have an unflinching faith in it, day in and day out. The practice of such unswerving belief in Christmas will more and more bring peace to pass.

For nineteen centuries Christians have kept the faith. We have inherited their faith, so that once more, in spite of all, with hope and courage and trust we wish all our friends and readers a Merry Christmas. We keep the bells ringing, clanging out their joyous peal, Peace on earth; goodwill among men.

### Food For Thought

Under the caption "Some Front Line Thinking," the Kamloops Sentinel recently published on its editorial page a letter written by a soldier on the Italian front. This letter, reproduced below, is one that merits careful reading, and contains "more than usual food for thought," according to our contemporary.

"Many of us have not thought this war through. We need to get our thinking jacked up if the right idea is to grip the nations and transform the world. We have been content to see the superficial causes of the war and have felt that we are the unfortunate generation that has to fight it. Many think that after the war the unfortunate interlude in our lives will have ended and the world will settle down, or at least we can.

"The fact is that we are fighting something more than a war of arms. The Allies will win the war, but when it is won there is still the battle of ideas. Only a better idea will win the thinking of the peoples, and only a shining alternative will convince them and drive out the false ideas.

"In Italy the shelled houses and bomb-cratered roads stand as a silent witness of a civilization that has lost its way, of a nation that lacked sane leadership. Many today are thinking of plans for the post-war world, but they are based on a materialist philosophy of life. Some plans find ready support because they offer undemanding solutions. Any plan which does not have the changing of human nature as a factor will fail.

"We must have teamwork as a governing factor in our society. Teamwork in industry. Unselfish service in business. Civic and national policies free from self-interest. We must have sound homes, where divorce is not a danger but an impossibility. Family life must become once again the heartbeat of the nation. We must have an education that inspires our youth to the true service of the nation. We must have a permanent incentive that will carry us beyond the winning of the war to the building of the new world.

"For us all the call is to become fighters in the war of ideas, and rise to the heights of statesmen who will serve faithfully their nations. We have not earned the right to go back to a life of ease, but inherit through our victory of arms the responsibilities of building the future. Now for us all the call is to become soldier-statesmen who will give everything for our country in war or peace."

### Changes On The Council

The twenty percent of Vernon voters who exercised their franchise at last week's civic elections did what was generally expected they would do: re-elected Alderman Harwood, returned ex-Alderman Gaunt-Stevenson after an absence of one term, and selected Mr. Bennett as the newcomer.

Actually, therefore, the voters placed in office only one man without previous experience, and he has a long record of public service in community projects. Leaving the Council at the end of the year will be two experienced aldermen.

FRANK R. HARRIS, Editor

## There'll Always be A Christmas

There'll always be a Christmas  
As long as life goes on,  
There'll always be a morning  
As soon as night is gone.

There'll always be a Christmas,  
For once a Child was born  
In far away old Bethlehem  
On that glad, Holy morn.

There'll always be a Christmas,  
For love is passing by,  
Just like the star the shepherds saw,  
Bright, shining in the sky.

There'll always be a Christmas,  
For little girls and boys,  
Even war with all its horrors  
Can't take away their joys.

Let's make a Happy Christmas,  
Even though our hearts are sad,  
Whilst missing our own loved ones,  
Help cheer some other lad.

There'll always be a Christmas,  
Let's make it bright and gay,  
And may we one and all enjoy,  
A Happy Christmas Day.

By LILLIAN R. WOOD, VANCOUVER

Mr. Galbraith very probably will be called on in the future to re-assume those public duties that pressure of private business forced him to relinquish, temporarily at least. As finance committee chairman, he has filled a Council post second only in importance to the office of Mayor. He thus is a logical candidate for the mayoralty. If Alderman Galbraith has seemed at times to hold too tight a string on the public purse, that fault may well be forgiven in the realization that Vernon must undertake very large expenditures in the post-war years. Water, sewers, schools, roads, modern equipment are some of the pressing needs, and financing on a sound basis will be a major concern.

Alderman Galbraith leaves civic life with a good record, and should be heard from in the future.

The other member of the Council retiring at the end of the present month, Alderman Hurt, is the oldest in years of service of any men in our civic government. He has served for seven continuous two-year terms, never having been defeated for re-election since securing a place at the Council table. Advancing years made his retirement necessary, and the taxpayers whom he has served well during this lengthy period owe Alderman Hurt a debt of real gratitude for years of conscientious endeavor. A man of independent mind he never hesitated to oppose a policy he felt wrong or unjust. In depression years, he had a large measure of sympathy for those in receipt of public assistance, and many was the good turn he did.

Vernon has been served by a good many chief magistrates since its incorporation, over a half century ago, and it is safe to say never has the city had a man who worked harder than the present incumbent, Mayor Howrie. In the absence of any issue, his re-election by acclamation was early conceded. He will serve for another term, therefore, and his supporters hope beyond that time his services will be available. He has proved to be a good chief magistrate.

### International Organization

CHICAGO: The strange and contradictory problem of international organization is that nations and peoples who admire freedom are opposed to organizing it within an effective framework by which it may operate. This has been the paradox of the American position at the international civil aviation conference.

The United States delegation argued powerfully for proclaiming the freedom of the air, but not, emphatically not, at the expense of delegating any real authority to an international organization. The Latin American republics, 20 in number, were heard in chorus on the theme that nothing must be done to impair their sovereignty. In one case objection was taken even to assuming an obligation to maintain its airports for international use in uniformity with airports in other countries, with the international organization paying for improvements which a country cannot sustain.

The Chicago conference poses the question whether or not it is possible to establish international organization to regulate aviation or anything else, in the face of American objection conferring real power upon them. Paradoxically, the conference records encourage the belief that this problem is not insoluble.

The organization, in its interim form located in Canada, consists of an assembly to which each signatory will send a member. The assembly will have 50 or more members, and its function will be deliberative, except that it will approve the budget. Its executive body will be the council, consisting of 20 members, with a vacancy reserved for Russia. One of its initial weaknesses arises from the fact council members will be paid by their own countries. They will not be primarily servants of the international organization, but the nations send their best aviation men, the council will soon assume a new character; but if this work is left to the professional diplomats, it may remain just another international body.

The functional principle, which Canada proposed in Chicago, by which true world aviation interests would be the basis of selection of status and influence in the organization, was almost submerged. The first seven members of the council are those of "chief importance" in civil aviation, and the selections were: United States, United Kingdom, France, Netherlands, Brazil, Mexico, Belgium, with a vacant eighth seat for Russia.

No real effort was made to set up a yardstick to measure "importance." It would not be difficult, for statistical measurement of aviation rank is possible. Statistics are required now, but in a few years the records of the organization itself will show the order of importance of countries in all branches of civil aviation.

The next five members are "countries providing facilities" for international aviation, or "fly-through" countries. These selections were: Canada, Cuba, Norway, Iraq and Peru, though Cuba and Norway both offered to retire to allow India to be seated, and Cuba's withdrawal was accepted.

## AS I SEE IT

By Elmore Philpott

### Spare Those Flags

The Ottawa Journal recently printed an editorial article which takes the cake for intellectual arrogance. It has it all figured out that the western provinces, which have swung furthest to the left, are less "British" than those which have stood still. It cites the debt revision measures of the Alberta and Saskatchewan governments as horrible proof of what non-British population can do to a province.

Dickens never said Mr. Feckinsniff say anything more self-righteous and hypocritical than the statement that "the almost complete victory of the C.O.P. in Saskatchewan, at which so much election was expressed, was thus obtained in the only province in Canada where the British stock is in a minority, except probably in Alberta."

I think that both Alberta and Saskatchewan were wrong to handle the debt question as they did. But, to infer that there is anything un-British about such practices, shows a rather astonishing ignorance of recent history. Includes what happened to the war debts of World War I.

To insult the people of Alberta and Saskatchewan because many of them are of Celtic descent (the British origin than our own beloved Royal Family is hardly British fair-play. Definitely, it's not cricket.

### Merely Chance

It was just a political accident that Saskatchewan elected the first self-styled socialist government in Canada. At the provincial elections came in B.C. before they did in Saskatchewan the Ottawa Journal would have had to change its tune. For B.C. will almost certainly elect a socialist government when the next election comes. The chance to vote. But nobody in the coastal province would dream of attempting to pin the "anti-British" tag on socialists of B.C.

It is a foundation stone of the C.O.P. strength of the entire population. West coast socialism does not spring from prairie farmers' revolts. It is directly descended from the Old Country socialism, which owes more to Robert Owen and the Chartists than to Karl Marx.

### West Has Not Caught Up

There is more honest-to-goodness but invisible Socialism in the good old province of Ontario than there is in all the western provinces put together. Only through the century, are the western provinces coming to grips with such elementary things as public ownership of electricity and other utilities. The results of the coming from the east is astonished to find that electricity bills are several times higher than in Ontario for similar services.

Ontario has the largest undeveloped sources of cheap power in the whole world—without exception. All western provinces are far behind (Tory?). Ontario is social ownership of utilities of all kinds.

So when the west starts to catch up, Ontario papers had better spare us the insult that "it must be foreigners doing that."

Please, Tory, spare those flags.

A Rose By Any Other Name  
There is one great difference between the east and the west which strikes anyone who has lived in both places. The east has a passion for the orthodox—for the respectable. The west rather prides itself in being unorthodox.

The east hesitates to call a spade a spade. The west inclines to overstatement. It is like as not to call a spade a steam shovel.

Thus when I was a boy in Hamilton, Ontario, the good old British province of Ontario was being fed John Bunyan size doses of socialism. But never, for anything on earth, would they have called it "socialism." No, no, Socialism was something foreign and un-British.

So Ontario got "public ownership of public utilities" and "service at cost." It came all wrapped up in the Union Jack, with true-blue Tories riding white horses making



## From the VERNON NEWS FILES

### TEN YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 20, 1934

A slashing attack on such measures as the Stevens billion dollar building program, the Douglas Credit System, and the McGee Central Bank plan, advanced by those men recently as "the only way out of depression," featured an address in the Empire Hall, by C. W. Woven, of Sumnerland, to a small gathering of C.O.P. members on Friday. A small edge of floor play together with more accurate shooting on the part of the visitors spilled over for the local Senior "A" and the Intermediate "A" Indians against Kelowna. The seniors lost 37-22 and the ladies 18-13. Several articles stolen from Vernon residents last June and they have been sent to them by the Calgary police after having been used as evidence at the trial of two men in connection with a murder in a Calgary cafe.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 10, 1914

Louis Bixby, who was for years employed at the lumber mills of S. O. Smith and Co., in this city, passed away on Tuesday. Owing to the spell of cold weather, ice making had been started at the hockey rink and at the curling rink. The closing exercises of St. Michael's School were held on Friday. Winter sports are "getting underway" as the temperature drops below the red line to indicate that ice shoots for puck contests and curling can be frozen in the near future. The weather man says that the interior is now entering a cold spell which will possibly last until after the New Year. The North Okanagan hockey league will get underway as soon as possible and curlers in the city are looking forward to their opening night.

### THIRTY YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 24, 1914

A by-law will be submitted at the next meeting of the City Council, limiting the hours when the rooms in the city may remain open. The first sitting of the County Court in the new Court House on Mara Avenue is nearing. No information of the ones to be heard

## Letters of Interest

### Courtesy On Buses

Editor, The-Vernon News: Sir: I understand that it is quite a common occurrence for white women passengers on the Vernon-Lumby Coaches to have to remain standing in many cases for long periods, while the female males, both young and old, occupy the seats.

Surely this is a disgraceful state of affairs, and one which should no longer be tolerated!

Would the Japanese in Japan allow any white passengers, (assuming there are still any left at liberty there) to do the same?

A printed notice at the door of each Bus, informing the public that white women had priority to all seats not already occupied by white women, would enable the authorities to take such action as might be necessary in case of infraction.

The Japanese are supposed to be a polite race of people, superficially, at any rate; but if they tried to disregard any such regulation as I suggest, they could always get out, or be put out, and walk.

I wonder if there were any buses provided for the Prisoners of War in Assam or Thailand?

Hugh F. Mackie.

### Yuletide Legend

Why do we have Christmas trees and candles? One legend tells us that on a cold, dark Christmas Eve, Martin Luther wandered through the winter woods filled with happiness at the loveliness of the snow-laden trees, under the starry sky. He wanted to share his happiness with his children, so he cut a small fir tree and took it home. When he had set it up, he placed little glowing candles on the boughs to represent the stars of heaven.

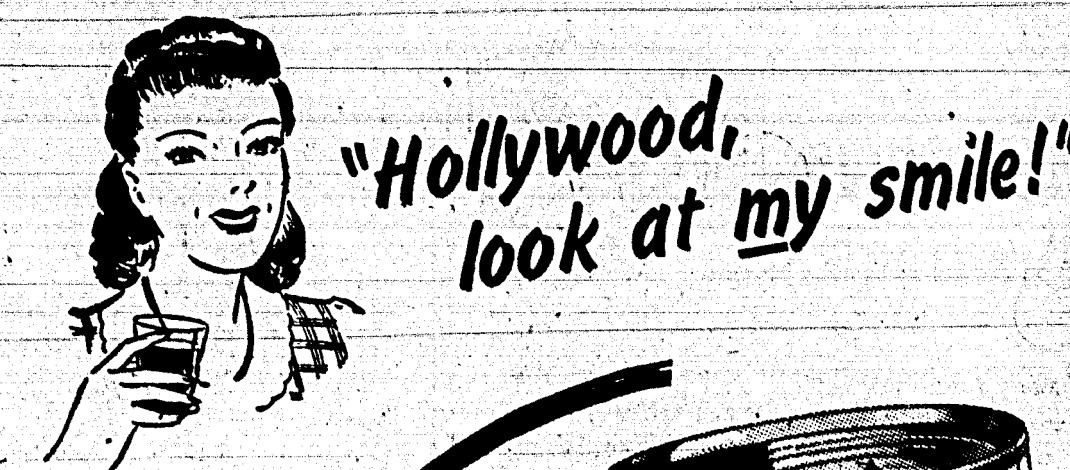
The manner in which Christmas is celebrated in other lands is always intriguing to children. They enjoy such random facts as instead of turkey Norwegian children enjoy Christmas porridge and perhaps a slice of cod fish or barbecued young pig, served up with an apple in his mouth and paper frills on his ears! Or that in Holland the children were wont to call Santa Claus St. Nicholas and to believe that he travels about on a white horse. Instead of hanging up their stockings, they would leave their little wooden shoes, filled with grass and hay for the white horse to eat, on the step outside the front door. And let when morning came the grass and hay had disappeared and in their place were gifts for such thoughtful children.

From Spain comes the gentle admonition that cows must always be treated with special kindness, for did they not stand close to the Christ Child in His manger bed and blow their warm, sweet breath on Him all through the chilly night? Holland gives us one story of the origin of Christmas trees. Just from the little town of Loosdrecht where the peasants say that long ago Satan appeared one day and carried away the bells from the church tower and dropped them into two ponds. Since then, so say the peasants, if you stand near the pond at 12 o'clock on Christmas Eve, you will hear the joyful pealing of ancient bells rising triumphantly from the depths of the water to greet the new-born King.

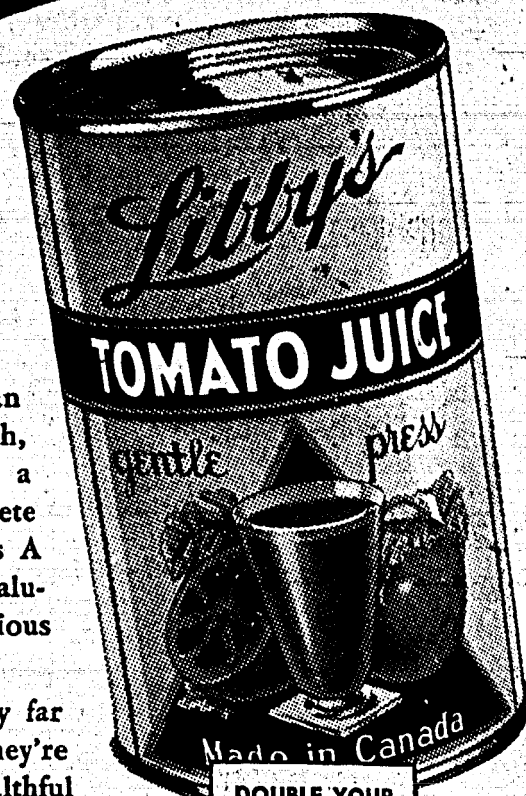
The idea of Christmas seals, or stamps, was conceived by Elmer Holboell of Denmark in 1904. The proceeds from their sale went to aid the fight against tuberculosis.

most of the speeches. There was Sir Adam Beck in his plug hat the arch-Tory Toronto Telegram, and the clear-Grit Toronto Globe—with dozens of other newspapers and the camping ground of "public ownership." Nobody ever talked of socialism. They just began to apply it.

The west—which is about 40 years behind in this respect—does the very opposite. It shouts to the high heavens, "Gangway for the socialists!" Then when the socialists get in, as they are in Saskatchewan, the people get about what they would get under any sincere left wing Liberal government; or what even enlightened Conservatives deliver at rare periods in history, when they produce a Disraeli or an Adam Beck.



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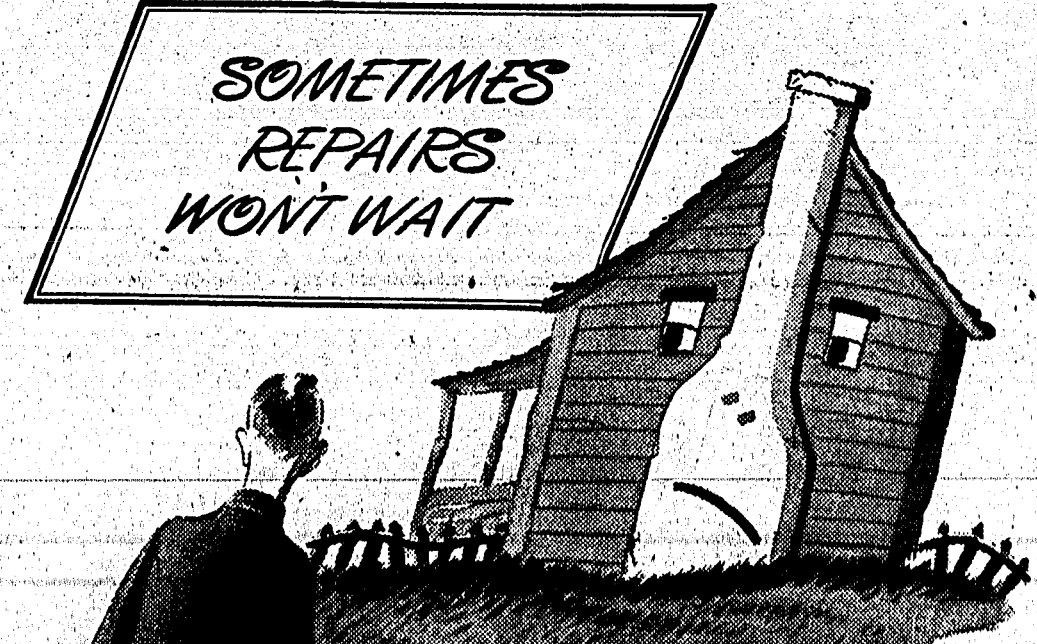
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